



Political Ecology Across Spaces, Scales, and Social Groups

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0.8in. Environmental issues have become increasingly prominent

in local struggles, national debates, and international policies. In

response, scholars are paying more attention to conventional

politics and to more broadly defined relations of power and

difference in the interactions between human groups and their

biophysical environments. Such issues are at the heart of the

relatively new interdisciplinary field of political ecology, forged

at the intersection of political economy and cultural ecology.

This volume provides a toolkit of vital concepts and a set of

research models and analytic frameworks for researchers at all

levels. The two opening chapters trace rich traditions of thought

and practice that inform current approaches to political

ecology. They point to the entangled relationship between

humans, politics, economies, and environments at the dawn of

the twenty-first century and address challenges that scholars

face in navigating the blurring boundaries among relevant fields

of enquiry. The twelve case studies that follow demonstrate ways

that culture and politics serve to mediate human-environmental

relationships in specific ecological and geographical contexts.

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