

# New Directions In Anthropology And Environment Intersections

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environmental anthropology a reader is a collection of historically significant readings dating from early in the twentieth century up to the present on the cross cultural study of relations between people and their environment provides the historical perspective that is typically missing from recent work in environmental anthropology includes an extensive intellectual history and commentary by the volume s editors offers a unique perspective on current interest in cross cultural environmental relations divided into five thematic sections 1 the nature culture divide 2 relationship between environment and social organization 3 methodological debates and innovations 4 politics and practice and 5 epistemological issues of environmental anthropology organized into a series of paired papers which speak to each other designed to encourage readers to make connections that they might not customarily make

the last decade has seen a dramatic increase in the attention paid by social scientists to environmental issues and a gradual acknowledgement in the wider community of the role of social science in the public debate on sustainability at the same time the concept of culture once the property of anthropologists has gained wide currency among social scientist these trends have

taken place against a growing perception among specialist and public of the global nature of contemporary issues this book shows how an understanding of culture can throw light on the way environmental issues are perceived and interpreted both by local communities and within the contemporary global arena taking an anthropological approach the book examines the relationship between human culture and human ecology and considers how a cultural approach to the study of environmental issues differs from other established approaches in social science this book adds significantly to our understanding of environmentalism as a contemporary phenomenon by demonstrating the distinctive contribution of social and cultural anthropology to the environmental debate it will be of particular interest to students and researchers in the fields of social science and the environment

the first edition of anthropology and climate change 2009 pioneered the study of climate change through the lens of anthropology covering the relation between human cultures and the environment from prehistoric times to the present this second heavily revised edition brings the material on this rapidly changing field completely up to date with major scholars from around the world mapping out trajectories of research and issuing specific calls for action the new edition introduces new foundational chapters laying out what anthropologists know about climate change today new theoretical and practical perspectives insights gleaned from sociology and international efforts to study and curb climate change making the volume a perfect introductory textbook presents a series of case studies both new case studies and old ones updated and viewed with fresh eyes with the specific purpose of assessing climate trends provides a close look at how climate change is affecting livelihoods especially in the context of economic globalization and the migration of youth from rural to urban areas expands coverage to england the amazon the marshall islands tanzania and ethiopia re examines the conclusions and recommendations of the first volume refining our

knowledge of what we do and do not know about climate change and what we can do to adapt

the first book to comprehensively assess anthropology's engagement with climate change this pioneering volume both maps out exciting trajectories for research and issues a call to action chapters in part one are systematic research reviews covering the relationship between culture and climate from prehistoric times to the present changing anthropological discourse on climate and environment the diversity of environmental and sociocultural changes currently occurring around the globe and the unique methodological and epistemological tools anthropologists bring to bear on climate research part two includes a series of case studies that highlights leading edge research including some unexpected and provocative findings part three challenges scholars to be proactive on the front lines of climate change providing instruction on how to work in with research communities with innovative forms of communication in higher education in policy environments as individuals and in other critical arenas linking sophisticated knowledge to effective actions anthropology and climate change is essential for students and scholars in anthropology and environmental studies

this collection offers a wide ranging consideration of the field which illustrates how environmental anthropology can increase our understanding and help find solutions to environmental problems

in an era when pressing environmental problems make collaboration across the divide between sciences and arts and humanities essential this book presents the results of a collaborative analysis by an anthropologist and a physicist of four key junctures between science society and environment the first focuses on the systemic bias in science in favour of studying esoteric subjects as distinct from the mundane subjects of everyday life the second is a study of the fire climax grasslands of

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environmental anthropologists organize the realities of interdependent lands plants animals and human beings advocate for the neediest among them and provide guidance for conservation efforts but can anthropologists studies of small scale systems contribute to policies that address profoundly interconnected global problems townsend explores this question in her concise introduction to environmental anthropology while maintaining the structure and clarity of previous editions the third edition has been thoroughly revised to include new research newly added are a chapter on the environmental impact of war and recommended readings and films townsend begins with a historical overview of the field illustrating how earlier ideas and approaches help to understand how today's populations adapt to their physical and biological environments she then transitions to a closer look at global environmental issues including such topics as rapid expansion of the world economic system and inequality loss of biodiversity and its implications for human health and injustices of climate change resource extraction and

toxic waste disposal the final chapters caution that meaningful change requires social movements and policy changes in addition to individual actions

environmental anthropology studies historic and present human environment interactions this volume illustrates the ways in which today s environmental anthropologists are constructing new paradigms for understanding the multiplicity of players pressures and ecologies in every environment and the value of cultural knowledge of landscapes this handbook provides a comprehensive survey of contemporary topics in environmental anthropology and thorough discussions on the current state and prospective future of the field in seven key sections as the contributions to this handbook demonstrate the subfield of environmental anthropology is responding to cultural adaptations and responses to environmental changes in multiple and complex ways as a discipline concerned primarily with human environment interaction environmental anthropologists recognize that we are now working within a pressure cooker of rapid environmental damage that is forcing behavioural and often cultural changes around the world as we see in the breadth of topics presented in this volume these environmental challenges have inspired renewed foci on traditional topics such as food procurement ethnobiology and spiritual ecology and a broad new range of subjects such as resilience nonhuman rights architectural anthropology industrialism and education this volume enables scholars and students quick access to both established and trending environmental anthropological explorations into theory methodology and practice

this volume presents new theoretical approaches methodologies subject pools and topics in the field of environmental anthropology environmental anthropologists are increasingly focusing on self reflection not just on themselves and their impacts

on environmental research but also on the reflexive qualities of their subjects and the extent to which these individuals are questioning their own environmental behavior here contributors confront the very notion of natural resources in granting non human species their subjectivity and arguing for deeper understanding of nature and wilderness beyond the label of ecosystem services by engaging in interdisciplinary efforts these anthropologists present new ways for their colleagues subjects peers and communities to understand the causes of and alternatives to environmental destruction this book demonstrates that environmental anthropology has moved beyond the construction of rural small group theory entering into a mode of solution based methodologies and interdisciplinary theories for understanding human environmental interactions it is focused on post rural existence health and environmental risk assessment on the realm of alternative actions and emphasizes the necessary steps towards preventing environmental crisis

carole l crumley has brought together top scholars from across anthropology in a benchmark volume that displays the range of exciting new work on the complex relationship between humans and the environment continually pursuing anthropology s persistent claim that both the physical and the mental world matter these environmental scholars proceed from the holistic assumption that the physical world and human societies are always inextricably linked as they incorporate diverse forms of knowledge their work reaches beyond anthropology to bridge the sciences social sciences and the humanities and to forge working relationships with non academic communities and professionals theoretical issues such as the cultural dimensions of context knowledge and power are articulated alongside practical discussions of building partnerships research methods and ethics and strategies for implementing policy new directions in environment and anthropology will be important for all scholars and non academics interested in the relation between our species and its biotic and built environments it is also designed for

classroom use in and beyond anthropology and students will be greatly assisted by suggested reading lists for their further exploration of general concepts and specific research learn more about the author at the university of north carolina anthropology department web pages

now updated and expanded people and nature is a lively accessible introduction to environmental anthropology that focuses on the interactions between people culture and nature around the world written by a respected scholar in environmental anthropology with a multi disciplinary focus that also draws from geography ecology and environmental studies addresses new issues of importance including climate change population change the rise of the slow food and farm to table movements and consumer driven shifts in sustainability explains key theoretical issues in the field as well as the most important research at a level appropriate for readers coming to the topic for the first time discusses the challenges in ensuring a livable future for generations to come and explores solutions for correcting the damage already done to the environment offers a powerful hopeful future vision for improved relations between humans and nature that embraces the idea of community needs rather than consumption wants and the importance of building trust as a foundation for a sustainable future

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revised throughout to include new research expanded discussions of climate change and a chapter devoted to spiritual ecology in the historical overview of the field townsend shows how ideas and approaches developed earlier are relevant to understanding how today's local populations adapt to their physical and biological environments she next presents a closer look at global environmental issues rapid expansion of the world economic system disease and poverty the loss of biodiversity and its implications for human health to demonstrate the effects of interactions between local and global communities as a capstone she gives thoughtful consideration to how as professionals and as individuals we can move toward personal engagement with environmental problems

a companion to the anthropology of environmental health presents a collection of readings that utilize a medical anthropological approach to explore the interface of humans and the environment in the shaping of health and illness around the world features the latest ethnographic research from around the world related to the multiple impacts of the environment on health and of societies on their environments includes contributions from international medical anthropologists conservationists environmental experts public health professionals health clinicians and other social scientists analyzes the conditions of cultural and social transformation that accompany environmental and ecological impacts in all areas of the world offers critical perspectives on theoretical and methodological advancements in the anthropology of environmental health along with future directions in the field in addressing the urgent questions raised by climate change this book provides a comprehensive overview of the anthropology of climate change guided by a critical political ecological framework it argues that anthropologists must significantly expand their focus on climate change and their contributions to responding to climate change as a grave risk to humanity the book presents a

human socioecological framework for conceptualizing climate change it examines the emergence and slow maturation of the anthropology of climate change reviews the historic foundations for this work in the archaeology of climate change and presents three alternative contemporary theoretical perspectives in the anthropology of climate change the book synthesizes anthropological work and perspectives on climate change in the form of case studies in various regions of the world revealing the nature of global climate change as constituting multiple and somewhat diverse changes in local settings it explores the applied anthropology of climate change in terms of the ways anthropologists are contributing to climate policy working with communities on climate change issues as well as within the climate movement both internationally and nationally finally it provides an overview of what other the social sciences are saying about climate change and explores ways that the anthropology of climate change can interface with sociology political science and human geography in order to create an integrated social science of climate change this book gives researchers and students in environmental anthropology climate change human geography and sociology a novel framework for understanding climate change that emphasizes human socioecological interactions

this book examines theories and ethnographies related to the anthropology of power in conservation conservation thought and practice is power laden conservation thought is powerfully shaped by the history of ideas of nature and its relation to people and conservation interventions govern and affect peoples and ecologies this book argues that being able to think deeply particularly about power improves conservation policy making and practice political ecology is by far the most well known and well published approach to thinking about power in conservation this book analyzes the relatively neglected but robust anthropology of conservation literature on politics and power outside political ecology especially literature rooted in foucault it is intended to

make four of Foucault's concepts of power accessible concepts that are most used in the anthropology of conservation the power of discourses discipline and governmentality subject formation and neoliberal governmentality the important ethnographic literature that these concepts have stimulated is also examined together theory and ethnography underpin our emerging understanding of a new anthropocene shaped world this book will be of great interest to students and scholars of conservation environmental anthropology and political ecology as well as conservation practitioners and policy makers

drawing on Himalayan ethnography to interrogate and critique contemporary theorizing about the environment this book examines how the environment is conceptualized among different social groups in the region a new approach to the study of the environment in South Asia this book introduces the new thinking in environmental anthropology and geography into the study of the Himalaya

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the contributors to this book focus on the relationship between nature and society from a variety of theoretical and ethnographic perspectives their work draws upon recent developments in social theory biology ethnobiology epistemology sociology of science and a wide array of ethnographic case studies from amazonia the solomon islands malaysia the mollucan islands rural communities from japan and north west europe urban greece and laboratories of molecular biology and high energy physics the discussion is divided into three parts emphasising the problems posed by the nature culture dualism some misguided attempts to respond to these problems and potential avenues out of the current dilemmas of ecological discourse

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