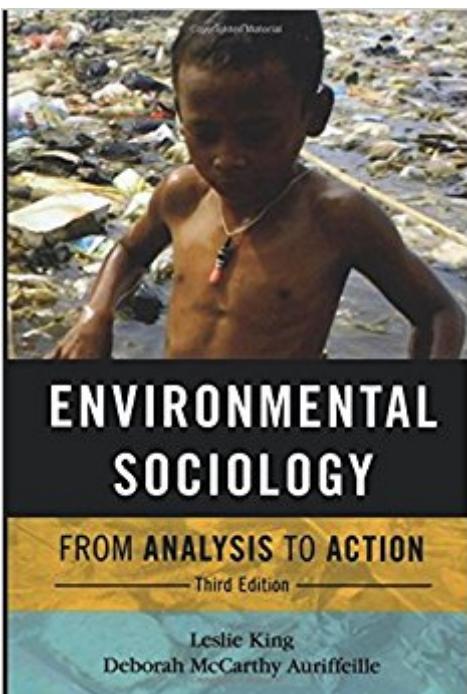


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# Environmental Sociology: From Analysis To Action



## **Synopsis**

Environmental Sociology encourages students to use the sociological imagination to explore a broad spectrum of issues facing the environment today. The third edition of this reader includes thirteen new pieces that examine how social dimensions, particularly power and inequality, interact with environmental issues. The textbook opens with an updated introduction that introduces students to key concepts and provides a brief overview of environmental sociology as a field. The readings, excerpts from recently published pieces, are arranged by sociological issue and use a range of perspectives, including environmental justice, risk society, and power structure research. Topics span coal mining, food justice, climate change, and more. Each reading is chosen to be accessible and engaging to undergraduate students and is preceded by a brief introduction to provide context. As the environmental challenges facing our world become ever more pressing, Environmental Sociology aims to equip students with the frameworks they need to approach these challenges from a sociological perspective.

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Curran, University of Washington)King and Auriffeille's edited volume contains sociological work examining human-environment interaction through a critical lens. By engaging readers in such crucial areas as political economy (domestic and global), environmental inequality, industrial disasters, and the politicization of science/knowledge, this volume cultivates an awareness and deepens an understanding in some of the fundamental theoretical and empirical questions driving the field of environmental sociology today. This book is a must-read for students across the social sciences who want to learn about some of our most important environmental problems from critical sociological perspectives. (Aaron M. McCright, Michigan State University, co-author of *The Risk Society Revisited*)From the psychological to political, this anthology articulates how societal factors are the very basis from which environmental problems emerge and are resolved. The authors help us see inside the most acute and difficult of these factors—from persistent inequalities to the disasters they create—therefore offering a window through which we can see opportunities for change. (Sabrina McCormick)The new edition of *Environmental Sociology: From Analysis to Action* includes a number of great case studies to inspire students, and encourage them to see how creative and innovative solutions to ecological problems already exist. It's a read full of accessible and important readings by leaders in the field of environmental sociology. New additions related to food and transit justice, as well as in-depth explorations of recent ecological disasters make it a timely and important book. (Amy Lubitow, Portland State University)This reader, a collection of almost two dozen essays, surveys issues and presents contemporary research in environmental sociology. The essays ask crucial questions about how social forces affect how we see, understand, and ultimately engage nature. To this end, they connect issues like toxic waste or the limits of green economics to racism, food justice, sexism, and class. Their social context is the United States. The essays are organized into eight sections that open with an exploration of the concept of nature. The following sections consider how political economy structures environmental crises and solutions, how social inequalities produce environmental harm, emotions and identity in the social construction of our environments, disasters and industrial society, globalization, science as the producer of both risk and knowledge, and finally ideas for ecologically sensitive social action. The contributors, including luminaries like John Bellamy Foster and Alison Hope Alkon, are mostly sociologists working in universities. (Book News, Inc.)

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