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**peasant
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resources place
upon households
in Cucurpe, and
then investigates
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**households have
formed corporate
communities to
insure their
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resources beyond
their control.
Finally, he
identifies the
class differences
that exist within
the corporate
communities as
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and the private ranchers who surround them.

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"Cucurpe" in the language of the Opata Indians), an important contribution to

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Sheridan shows that peasants are among the exploiters as well as the exploited.

Cucurpe_os struggle to maintain the autonomy of their households even as they join

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together to protect corporate grazing lands and irrigation water. Any attempt to weaken or destroy that independence is met with opposition that ranges from passive resistance to

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and study of
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history with
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and natural ecology, among others. The roots of ecology as a broader discipline can be traced to the Greeks and a lengthy list of developments in natural history science. Ecology also has notably developed in

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knowledge, as it
is called,
includes the
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knowledge,
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and for passing
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about the natural world and the human experience. The term ecology was coined by Ernst Haeckel in 1866 and defined by direct reference to the economy of nature. Like other contemporary researchers of

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his time, Haeckel adopted his terminology from Carl Linnaeus where human ecological connections were more evident. In his 1749 publication, Specimen academicum de oeconomia naturae,

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Linnaeus

**developed a
science that**

**included the
economy and**

polis of nature.

**Polis stems from
its Greek roots**

**for a political
community**

**(originally based
on the city-**

**states), sharing
its roots with the**

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word police in reference to the promotion of growth and maintenance of good social order in a community. Linnaeus was also the first to write about the close affinity between humans and primates. Linnaeus

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environment for millennia, and contemporary problems cannot be understood without an adequate sense of this ecological past and the role of humans in it.

The Wadi al-Hasa, a large canyon draining the Transjordan

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and collapse of complex societies. Models of land use often consider political complexity as an important factor affecting mismanagement. Together with GIS erosion modeling and settlement pattern analysis,

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**Hill evaluates the
archaeological,
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record spanning
the Holocene to
show how land
use was affected
by the rise of
centralized
authority. Yet
populations in
the Hasa
maintained the**

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ability to resist authority and return to a nomadic life when it became advantageous. This process emphasizes the power of local groups to pursue alternative strategies when their interests diverged from

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Levant, wherein current debates are complicated by research at different scales and by a lack of consensus on the importance of localized phenomena. It not only complements existing research but also seeks to

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society. Patrons in the northern and southern extremes of the Empire, he argues, urgently needed tools for understanding environmental history as well as human relations to nature and society in order to

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set policies for the management of natural resources and to effect social control of natives and white settlement.

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Cape Town. The enlargement of the field from botany to human ecology required a broader methodological base, and ecologists drew especially on psychology and economy. They incorporated

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understanding to contribute to a future where both nature and people thrive.

Human ecology is the study of the interrelationships between humans and their environment, drawing on diverse fields

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from biology and geography to sociology, engineering, and architecture.

Steiner admirably synthesizes these perspectives through the lens of landscape architecture, a discipline that requires its

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practitioners to consciously connect humans and their environments.

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connection—our homes—and expand to community scales, regions, nations, and, ultimately, examine global relationships between people and nature. In this age of climate change, a

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new approach to planning and design is required to envision a livable future.

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In the 1890s, several initiatives

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in American botany converged. The creation of new institutions, such as the New York Botanical Garden, coincided with radical reforms in taxonomic practice and the emergence of an experimental

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program of research on evolutionary problems. Sharon Kingsland explores how these changes gave impetus to the new field of ecology that was defined at exactly this time. She argues that the

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creation of institutions and research laboratories, coupled with new intellectual directions in science, were crucial to the development of ecology as a discipline in the United States.

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The main concern of ecology -- the relationship between organisms and environment -- was central to scientific studies aimed at understanding and controlling the evolutionary process.

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Kingsland considers the evolutionary context in which ecology arose, especially neo-Lamarckian ideas and the new mutation theory, and explores the relationship between scientific research and

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broader theories about social progress and the evolution of human civilization. By midcentury, American ecologists were leading the rapid development of ecosystem ecology. At the

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same time, scientists articulated a sharp critique of modern science and society in the postwar context, foreshadowing the environmental critiques of the 1960s. As the ecosystem

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concept evolved, so too did debates about how human ecology should be incorporated into the biological sciences.

Kingsland concludes with an examination of ecology in the modern urban

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environment, reflecting on how scientists are now being challenged to overcome disciplinary constraints and produce innovative responses to pressing problems. The Evolution of

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New Principle?
Reflections from a Human Ecological Perspective

Ecologists have long based their conceptual frameworks in the natural sciences.

Recently, however, they have acknowledged that ecosystems cannot be understood without taking into account

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human interventions that may have taken place for thousands of years. And for their part, social scientists have recognized that human behavior must be understood in the environment in which it is acted out. Researchers have thus begun to develop the area of “human ecology.” Yet human ecology needs

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suitable conceptual frameworks to tie the human and natural together. In response, Cultural Values and Human Ecology uses the framework of cultural values to collect a set of highly diverse contributions to the field of human ecology.

Values represent an important and essential aspect of the intellectual

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organization of a society, integrated into and ordained by the over-arching cosmological system, and constituting the meaningful basis for action, in terms of concreteness and abstraction of content as well as mutability and permanence. Because of this balance, values lend themselves to the kinds

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of analyses of ecological relationships conducted here, those that demand a reasonable amount of specificity as well as historical stability. The contributions to Cultural Values and Human Ecology are exceedingly diverse. They include abstract theoretical discussions and specific case studies, ranging across the landscape of

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Southeast Asia from the islands to southern China. They deal with hunting-gathering populations as well as peasants operating within contemporary nation-states, and they are the work of natural scientists, social scientists, and humanists of Western and Asian origin. Diversity in the backgrounds of the

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authors contributes most to the varied approaches to the theme of this volume, because differences in cultural background and academic tradition will lead to different research interests and to differences in the empirical approaches chosen to pursue given problems.

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account of what has gone wrong in our thinking about the environment, Val Plumwood digs at the roots of environmental degradation. She argues that we need to see nature as an end itself, rather than an instrument to get what we want. Using a range of examples, Plumwood presents a radically new

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picture of how our culture must change to accommodate nature.

Students of human behavior have always been interested in the relationship between human populations and their environment.

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many of the conditions that influence or promote technological development, social transformation, and economic reorganization. It has become increasingly evident, however, that if we are to explore more forcefully the linkages between culture and environment, a processual orientation is

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required. This is found in human ecology-the study of the relationship between people and the ecosystem of which they are a part. This book is a collection of papers about the recent and distant past by scientists and humanists involved in the study of human ecology in northeastern North America. The authors critically

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examine the systemic interface between people and their environment first by identifying the indicators of that relationship (e.g., historical documentation, archaeological site patterning, faunal remains), then by defining the processes by which change in one part of the ecosystem

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affects other parts (e.g., by considering how an ecotonal gradient affects biotic communities over time), and finally by explicating the behavioral implications thereof.

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