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In the 21st Century, the world will see an unprecedented migration of people moving from rural to urban areas. With

global demand for water projected to outstrip supply in the coming decades, cities will likely face water insecurity as a result of climate change and the various impacts of urbanisation.

Traditionally, urban water managers have relied on large-scale, supply-side infrastructural projects to

meet increased demands for water; however, these projects are environmentally, economically and politically costly. Urban Water Security argues that cities need to transition from supply-side to demand-side management to achieve urban water security. This

book provides readers with a series of in-depth case studies of leading developed cities, of differing climates, incomes and lifestyles from around the world, that have used demand management tools to modify the attitudes and behaviour of water users in an attempt to achieve urban water security. Urban Water Security will be of particular interest to town and regional planners, water conservation managers and policymakers, international companies

and organisations with large water footprints, environmental and water NGOs, researchers, graduate and undergraduate students. Beyond the Limits to Growth Springer
There is ample evidence about the negative effects business activity of all types can have on the provision of human rights. Equally, there can be little doubt economic development, usually driven through business activity and trade, is necessary for any state to provide the institutions

and infrastructure necessary to secure and provide human rights for their citizens. The United Nations and businesses recognise this tension and are collaborating to effect change in business behaviours through voluntary initiatives such as the Global Compact and John Ruggie's Guiding Principles. Yet voluntary approaches are evidently failing to prevent human rights violations and there are few alternatives in law for affected communities to seek justice. This book seeks to robustly

challenge the current status quo of business approaches to human rights in order to develop meaningful alternatives in an attempt to breach the gap between the realities of business and human rights and its discourse.

This book was previously published as a special issue of the International Journal of Human Rights.

Carbon Pricing Springer Nature

The green economy is widely seen as a potential solution to current global economic and environmental crises, and

a potential mechanism by which sustainable development might be achieved in practice.

Considerable investments are now being made into the development of green technology, renewable energy, biodiversity conservation, resource efficiency, recycling of materials and green infrastructure. This textbook provides a comprehensive introduction to the green economy, using a strongly interdisciplinary approach based on environmental science, rather than

treating it as a sub-set of economics. The scientific principles of sustainability are presented, which provide the foundations of the green economy, with a particular focus on systems-based approaches. Examples of real-world case studies are used to illustrate how the green economy can be achieved in practice. In this way, the authors provide a thorough overview of both the principles and practice of the green economy, drawing from a wide range of disciplines

including ecology, geography, social science, psychology, sustainability science, environmental science, law and economics. The emphasis is on presenting results of the latest research, derived from leading scientific journals. Rather than focusing on a single definition of what constitutes a 'green economy', the book introduces readers to the diversity of opinion that exists, and engages them in what is an active, on-going debate. This reflects the fact that many

aspects of the green economy, and sustainable development more generally, are currently contested. In particular, the book will help readers to strengthen their ability to critically evaluate the evidence for and against the views presented, and to actively contribute to the future development of the green economy.

Rethinking Public Strategy Macmillan International Higher Education

Transgenic plants are cultivated on a large scale worldwide, and most of

the harvested products are fed to domestic animals. By gathering together more than 150 feeding studies with food-producing animals, and covering both first and second generation transgenic plants, this book provides the first central resource of this information for researchers, students, policy makers and all those who are interested in future developments in the field.

Transportation Air Pollutants Univ of California Press

Sustainability in agriculture and associated primary industries, which are both energy-intensive, is crucial for the development of any country. Increasing scarcity and resulting high fossil fuel prices combined with the need to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, make the improvement of energy efficient farming and increased use of renewable energy a critical geopolitics of climate change. A Critical Geopolitics of Climate Change Routledge International Food Law

and Policy is the first interdisciplinary piece of academic literature of its kind with a comprehensive, reader-friendly approach to teaching the major aspects of food regulation, law, policy, food safety and environmental sustainability in a global context. The sections are grouped by continents and focus on a range of cross-disciplinary subjects, such as public health, international food trade, the right to food, intellectual property and

global regulatory aspects of food production. With its systematic approach, this book will be a valuable resource both for professionals working in food regulation and anyone interested in the subject. It provides a solid foundation for courses and master's programs in environmental management, food law, policy and regulation, and sustainable development around the world. Corporate Power and Human Rights Springer Carbon Pricing reflects upon and further develops

the ongoing and worthwhile global debate into how to design carbon pricing, as well as how to utilize the financial proceeds in the best possible way for society. The world has recently witnessed

Moving from water problems to water solutions: research needs assessment for the eastern Gangetic Plains Routledge

While international negotiations to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions have been less than satisfactory, there is

a presumption that a significant level of multi-lateral commitment will be realized at some point. International air and marine travel have been left to one side in past talks because the pursuit of agreement proceeds on the basis of commitment by sovereign nations and the effects of these specific commercial activities are, by their nature, difficult to corral and assign to specific national jurisdictions. However, air travel is increasing and, unless something is done,

emissions from this segment of our world economy will form a progressively larger percentage of the total, especially as emissions fall in other activities. This book focuses on fuel. The aim is to provide background in technical and policy terms, from the broadest reliable sources of information available, for the necessary discourse on society's reaction to the evolving aviation emissions profile. It considers what policy has been, why and how commercial air travel is

committed to its current liquid fuel, how that fuel can be made without using fossil-source materials, and the barriers to change. It also advances some elements of policy remedies that make sense in providing an environmentally and economically sound way forward in a context that comprehends a more complete vision of sustainability than 'renewable fuels' traditionally have. The goal of Will Sustainability Fly? is to broaden and contextualize the

knowledge resource available to academics, policy makers, air industry leaders and stakeholders, and interested members of the public.

Smart Cities in the Mediterranean Edward Elgar Publishing
New Zealand has to rebuild the majority of its second-largest city after a devastating series of earthquakes – a unique challenge for a developed country in the twenty-first century. The 2010-2011 earthquakes fundamentally disrupted the conventions by which

the people of Christchurch lived. The exhausting and exhilarating mix of distress, uncertainty, creativity, opportunities, divergent opinions and competing priorities generates an inevitable question: how do we know if the right decisions are being made? Once in Lifetime: City-building after Disaster in Christchurch offers the first substantial critique of the Government's recovery plan, presents alternative approaches to city-building and archives a vital and extraordinary

time. It features photo and written essays from journalists, economists, designers, academics, politicians, artists, publicans and more. Once in a Lifetime presents a range of national and international perspectives on city-building and post-disaster urban recovery.

Climate Change Adaptation, Resilience and Hazards Springer Nature

Japan has been one of the most important international sponsors of human security, yet the concept has hitherto not

been considered relevant to the Japanese domestic context. This book applies the human security approach to the specific case of the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear accident that struck Japan on 11 March 2011, which has come to be known as Japan's 'triple disaster'. This left more than 15,000 people dead and was the most expensive natural disaster in recorded history. The book identifies the many different forms of human insecurity that were produced or exacerbated

within Japan by the triple disaster. Each chapter adds to the contemporary literature by identifying the vulnerability of Japanese social groups and communities, and examining how they collectively seek to prevent, respond to and recover from disaster. Emphasis is given to analysis of the more encouraging signs of human empowerment that have occurred. Contributors draw on a wide range of perspectives, from disciplines such as:

disaster studies, environmental studies, gender studies, international relations, Japanese studies, philosophy and sociology. In considering this Japanese case study in detail, the book demonstrates to researchers, postgraduate students, policy makers and practitioners how the concept of human security can be practically applied at a policy level to the domestic affairs of developed countries, countering the tendency to regard human security

as exclusively for developing states. Selected Papers from the 4th Edition of the International Conference on Wastes: Solutions, Treatments and Opportunities, Porto, Portugal, 25-26 September 2017 Intl Food Policy Res Inst IPCC Report on sources, capture, transport, and storage of CO₂, for researchers, policy-makers and engineers. *Climate Change in South Asia* Springer Science & Business Media Policymakers,

practitioners, and researchers frequently cite an increase in shocks around the world as a reason for focusing on resilience. But have shocks actually increased or become more severe and far-reaching? What does the landscape of shocks look like? Shocks are external, short-term deviations from long-term trends—deviations that have substantial negative effects (which may be short-lived or long lasting) on people’s state of well-being, level of assets, livelihoods, safety, and

ability to withstand future shocks. Many shocks are unexpected, but in some cases, such as drought or conflict, the shock may be expected year after year although the individual, community, or system lacks the resilience to prepare for or mitigate it. In other cases, such as climate change, the general shock could be expected but the effect on a particular individual, community, or area could be unexpected. This brief examines five types of shocks—conflicts, natural disasters, climate change,

food price volatility, and health crises—as they relate to food safety and agriculture. It assesses their frequency, severity, or both during the past few decades as part of a selective, nonsystematic review.

Politics, Policies and the SAARC Macmillan International Higher Education

This monograph examines contemporary environmental challenges facing Nepal, this landlocked country's representativeness in the wider South Asian context

is both distinct and generalizable. In large part, this is because of its extremes of physiographical structure—plains, hill ranges, mountainous massifs - and wide range of altitudinal terrains, which represent and replicate South Asian and East Asian continental conditions differing as markedly as humid tropical lowlands, sub-tropical hill ranges and temperate to sub-arctic mountainous environments. Associated forest regimes, in which

deforestation and reforestation patterns have evolved in recent times, and differing densities of settlement and cleared agricultural landscapes in each of these altitudinal zones, add to the environmental diversity of Nepal. Associated fauna and exotic species are in various states of endangerment especially Bengal tigers, one horned rhinos, wild elephants, crocodile, musk deer, and peasannts, to name a few- so that their forested and mountainous habitats as

‘Wild Life Reserves’ also deserve our attention, and are featured in this monograph’s remit.

Asian Water Development Outlook 2016 CABI

This book provides a systematic and comprehensive guide to the current state of knowledge on tourism and water. It is the first book to thoroughly examine the interrelationships of tourism and water use based on global, regional and business perspectives. Its assessment of tourism’s

global impact along with its overviews of sectoral and management approaches will provide a benchmark by which the water sustainability of tourism will be measured for years to come. In making a clear case for greater awareness and enhanced water management in the tourism sector, it is hoped that the book will contribute to the wise and sustainable use of this critical resource. The book is interdisciplinary in coverage and international in scope. It is

designed as essential reading for not only students of tourism but also practitioners.

The Atlas of Water

Cambridge University Press

This Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Special Report (IPCC-SREX) explores the challenge of understanding and managing the risks of climate extremes to advance climate change adaptation. Extreme weather and climate events, interacting with exposed and vulnerable

human and natural systems, can lead to disasters. Changes in the frequency and severity of the physical events affect disaster risk, but so do the spatially diverse and temporally dynamic patterns of exposure and vulnerability. Some types of extreme weather and climate events have increased in frequency or magnitude, but populations and assets at risk have also increased, with consequences for disaster risk. Opportunities for managing risks of

weather- and climate-related disasters exist or can be developed at any scale, local to international. Prepared following strict IPCC procedures, SREX is an invaluable assessment for anyone interested in climate extremes, environmental disasters and adaptation to climate change, including policymakers, the private sector and academic researchers.

Tourism and Water

Freerange Press

This book analyses the links between climate

change adaptation, resilience and the impacts of hazards. The contributors cover topics such as climate change adaptation in coastal zones, the evaluation of community land models, climate change considerations in public health and water resource management, as well as conceptual frameworks for understanding vulnerabilities to extreme climate events. The book focuses on a variety of concrete projects, initiatives and strategies currently being

implemented across the world. It also presents case studies, trends, data and projects that illustrate how cities, communities and regions have been striving to achieve resilience and have handled hazards.

Atoll Island States and International Law
Transforming Rural Communities in China and Beyond
Community Entrepreneurship and Enterprises, Infrastructure Development and Investment Modes
This book begins by discussing the problems

caused by transportation emissions, the various types of emissions, and the impacts they have on public health, agricultural production, and climate change. The next several chapters then present technologies and policies from around the world, which can be used to solve some of these problems. Finally, the book discusses implications for the future, from both an industrial and governmental point of view.

**Experiences in
Colombia and Ethiopia**

John Wiley & Sons
 The Asian Water
 Development Outlook
 charts progress in water
 security in Asia and the
 Pacific over the past 5
 years. This 2016 edition of
 the report uses the latest
 available data to assess
 water security in five key
 dimensions: household
 access to piped potable
 water and improved
 sanitation, economic
 water security, providing
 better urban water
 services to build more
 livable cities, restoring
 healthy rivers and
 ecosystems, and

resilience to water
 disasters. The region
 shows a positive trend in
 strengthening water
 security since the 2013
 edition of the report,
 when 38 out of 49
 countries were assessed
 as water-insecure. In
 2016, that number
 dropped to 29 out of 48
 countries. This study was
 supported by ADB's Water
 Financing Partnership
 Facility.
Urban Water Security CRC
 Press
 This report discusses the
 current state of
 knowledge on how to

build climate resilience in
 developing countries.
*Transforming Rural
 Communities in China and
 Beyond* Routledge
 This book explores the
 role of law and regulation
 in sustaining financial
 markets in both
 developed and developing
 countries, particularly the
 European Union, United
 States and China. The
 central argument of this
 book is that law matters
 for the operation of
 financial markets, which,
 in turn, significantly
 influences the
 performance of firms,

industries, and economies. The Role of Law and Regulation in Sustaining Financial Markets is divided into four parts. Part one addresses the connection between law, financial development, and economic growth. Part two deals with the role of financial regulation, which can be used to correct market failures, such as negative externalities, information asymmetries, and monopolies. Part three focuses on the design, functioning, and performance of different

financial instruments. Part four examines the topic of Corporate Social Responsibility. This book contributes to the 'law and finance' literature by studying certain conventional issues, such as the relationship between finance and economic growth, and the effects of regulatory quality on financial development, from new perspectives and/or with new evidence, data, and cases. It also explores novel topics, such as project finance contracts, insurance and climate

change, the shadow banking system, that have been overlooked in current literature. This book is meaningful not only for the EU and the US, which have suffered considerably from the financial crisis of 2008, but also for China, which is struggling to build a sound institutional infrastructure to govern its increasingly complicated financial system. By comparing the regulatory philosophies and practices of the EU, the US and China, this book will help the reader

to understand the diverse nature of the global 'law and finance' nexus and avoid succumbing to the myth of "one size fits all".