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*Security Sector Reform and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding* also addresses the control and reform of state institutions and the role of international actors.

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International Commissions and the Power of Ideas

Ramesh Thakur, Andrew Cooper, and John English, editors

How are good ideas for enhancing global governance converted into policy initiatives and international institutions? One major route has been via international commissions. The names of many are well known: Brandt, Palme, Brundtland, Kosovo, the Commission on Global Governance, and the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty. Yet, as an expression of the power of ideas, in the search for a better world, they remain under-analyzed.

*International Commissions and the Power of Ideas* situates the Commissions as an inter-connected process shaping the mind – and the architectural body – of global governance. The influence of these Commissions has been varied, and these differences make this book particularly relevant. The character and record, and style and substance of a wide variety of International Commissions receive detailed analysis on an individual basis, while the generalized context and impact of International Commissions receives rich comparative appreciation.

“This is the first volume that really focuses on the nature and impacts of the international commissions. It addresses the rationales and impacts of a very interesting and important development in international politics, and that is the creation of international commissions of experts and politically notable figures to try to break logjams in thinking with regard to major policy issues. The influence of the commissions has been quite varied, and it is precisely because of these differences that this book is a very valuable volume for government and international organization officials as well as academic scholars. This book is likely to stand as the most significant study of international commissions for some time.”

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“This book addresses an interesting question that has not been adequately covered: ideational factors in world politics and the role of international commissions. Its focus on the context and contents of those commissions’ work is new. It brings new insights into innovative concepts and ideational entrepreneurship as products of changing times and their impact as agencies of change. It therefore makes a useful contribution to the study of global governance in key issue areas.”

Professor Tatsuro Kunugi, International Christian University, Tokyo, and former UN Assistant Secretary General
The notion of democracy is a key principle of the United Nations and underpins much of its work. Almost a third of the UN’s members have requested its assistance in conducting elections. The UN is supporting a new wave of democracy, although not without difficulty in places such as East Timor, Afghanistan, Cambodia and Kosovo. The role of the UN in the promotion of democracy is significant but also sometimes problematic.

This book considers and questions the modalities, effectiveness and controversies of the UN’s work in promoting and assisting democracy. It examines if the UN can help to build the foundations of democracy and whether, as an ‘external’ actor, it can have a substantive positive impact upon the development of democratic governance inside societies.

Drawing upon discourse in political science and international relations, The UN Role in Promoting Democracy explores how the normative ideals of democracy interact with the realities of power in the international arena and in the societies in which the UN works. In so doing, this volume provides a timely analysis of the prospects and limitations of the UN’s work in this area, and of the broader field of democracy promotion.
Making States Work
State Failure and the Crisis of Governance

Simon Chesterman, Michael Ignatieff, and Ramesh Thakur, editors

In the wealth of literature on state failure, surprisingly little attention has been paid to the question of what constitutes state success and what enables a state to succeed. This book – a joint project of the International Peace Academy and the United Nations University – examines the strategies and tactics of international actors, local political elites, and civil society groups, to build or rebuild public institutions before they reach the point of failure: to make the state work.

It is frequently assumed that the collapse of state structures, whether through defeat by an external power or as a result of internal chaos, leads to a vacuum of political power. This is rarely the case. The mechanisms through which political power are exercised may be less formalized or consistent, but basic questions of how best to ensure the physical and economic security of oneself and one’s dependants do not simply disappear when the institutions of the state break down. Non-state actors in such situations may exercise varying degrees of political power over local populations, at times providing basic social services from education to medical care. Even where non-state actors exist as parasites on local populations, political life goes on.

How to engage in such an environment is a particular problem for policymakers in intergovernmental organizations and donor governments. But it poses far greater difficulties for the embattled state institutions and the populations of such territories. Making States Work examines how these various actors have responded to crises in the legitimacy and viability of state institutions, with a particular emphasis on those situations in which the state has been salvaged or at least kept afloat.

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As the world turns its attention to the reconstruction of Afghanistan and Iraq following recent conflicts in these countries, the issue of post-conflict peacebuilding takes centre stage. The precise elements in peacebuilding, as envisioned by Boutros-Ghali, include disarming warring parties, restoring order, decommissioning and destroying weapons, repatriating refugees, providing advisory and training support for security personnel, monitoring elections, de-mining and other forms of demilitarization, providing technical assistance, advancing efforts to protect human rights, reforming and strengthening institutions of governance – including assistance in monitoring and supervising electoral processes – and promoting formal and informal participation in the political process.

Building Sustainable Peace presents a timely and original overview of the field of peace studies and offers fresh analytical tools that promote a critical reconceptualization of peace and conflict, while also making specific reference to peacebuilding strategies employed in recent international conflicts.
Security Sector Reform and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding

Albrecht Schnabel and Hans-Georg Ehrhart, editors

Military and police forces play a crucial role in the long-term success of political, economic and cultural rebuilding efforts in post-conflict societies. Yet, while charged with the long-term task of providing a security environment conducive to rebuilding war-torn societies, internal security structures tend to lack civilian and democratic control, internal cohesion and effectiveness, and public credibility. They must be placed under democratic control and restructured and retrained to become an asset, not a liability, in the long-term peacebuilding process. External actors from other nations, regional organizations and the United Nations can be of assistance in this process, by creating a basic security environment, preventing remnants of armed groups from spoiling the fragile peacebuilding process, and by facilitating reform of the local security sector.

This book offers analyses of an international group of academics and practitioners with direct experiences with security sector reform programmes in different parts of the world.

“This book includes a diverse mix of international scholars and practitioners, which gives it a richness and variety that will appeal to serious observers of peacebuilding in post-conflict settings. The case studies offer the reader a useful laboratory in which comparisons can be made and observations tested. It will be useful to policymakers interested in understanding the complexity of addressing security sector reform and civil-military relations. It should appeal to military, peacekeeping, and police forces who are increasingly being asked to insert themselves in conflict zones to bring a level of stability so that peace can be built and sustained.”

Dr. W. Andy Knight, McCalla Research Professor, University of Alberta, Canada.

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How should companies deal with the harmful side-effects of their business operations? To what extent should they be held responsible for the wrongdoing of other actors? And how can they conduct business in a responsible manner in countries where human rights abuses are widespread, or where the environment is being degraded?

These are crucial issues within the current debate on corporate responsibility and they represent the most substantial challenges confronting the business community today.

This book offers an approach to corporate decision-making based on the principles of Just War Theory, primarily the Principle of Double Effect (PDE). The proposed normative framework can be used both as a tool for performance evaluation, and as a set of guidelines for conducting business in an ethically responsible manner.

Multiple case studies illustrate the usefulness of incorporating the Principle of Double Effect into corporate decision-making, and show how the proposed framework can help companies assume responsibility for the impact of their operations on multiple stakeholders.

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“The last century has seen the role of law and justice in governance extend beyond the realm of individual nations. Its significance, both regionally and globally, is illustrated by the developments made in international law, especially with regard to the recognition of international human rights, universal jurisdiction and additional international crimes. However, the significant advances with regard to the international recognition of humanitarian law and the ending of impunity for war criminals stand in real danger of being reversed...”

From the Preface by Martti Ahtisaari

From Sovereign Impunity to International Accountability confronts these and other challenges by exploring the changing political and human rights context that gave rise to the international norm of individual criminal accountability. It brings together a preeminent group of experts to explore the progress, scope and controversies of international accountability.

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Innovation, Learning and Technological Dynamism of Developing Countries

Sunil Mani and Henny Romijn, editors

Developing countries have not normally been associated with the dynamic use and development of technologies, partly because most continue to employ and reproduce technologies that are generated elsewhere. However this situation is slowly but steadily changing.

Academic research about technological dynamism has also until now been restricted to the few countries described as Asian tigers and cubs. Much of that discussion has revolved around macro-economic studies of growth which risk failing to identify specific instances of technological dynamism in these and other countries.

This book employs a refreshingly new framework to identify cases of technological dynamism across a range of countries and industries. They vary from the recent growth of the computer software industry in India to the aircraft industry in Brazil. They touch upon technological dynamism in manufacturing and service oriented industries, and they consider how the effect of clustering, or the geographic agglomeration of firms engaged in the production of related and complementary items, can make sectors more technologically dynamic.

Innovation, Learning and Technological Dynamism of Developing Countries is a valuable text for scholars and students on the theory and practice of economics of technological change in developing countries. It is also a unique resource for governments, NGOs, financial institutions and multilateral agencies interested in the practicalities of promoting technological progress in manufacturing and service industries.

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Transformation of Cities in Central and Eastern Europe
Towards Globalization
F.E. Ian Hamilton, Kaliopa Dimitrovska Andrews, and Nataša Pichler-Milanovič, editors

This volume is one in a series initiated by the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies on the inter-relationship between globalisation and urban transformation. It identifies and describes the inter- and intra-urban transformations of Central and Eastern European cities and considers their pre-1945 historic legacies, the socialist period, and their contemporary transition towards market oriented and democratic systems. The dramatic changes since 1989 including the collapse of Communist ideology, the break-up of the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, the end of the Cold War and the impact of globalisation and European integration, have reconfigured this region and affected their re-integration into European and global networks.

This book first examines the similarities and differences between significant Central and Eastern European cities, comparing the differing patterns of historical context and socialist legacies before 1990, and the impacts of internal and external forces on re-shaping these cities and their paths of transformation since 1990. It also examines the role of contemporary planning within the overall development of Central and Eastern European cities.

The conclusion demonstrates the similarities and differences between Central and Eastern European cities and their re-integration into global networks.

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Regulating Bioprospecting
Institutions for Drug Research, Access and Benefit-Sharing

Padmashree Gehl Sampath

Biodiversity prospecting, or the search for useful bioactive compounds and genes in nature, has been the focus of international negotiations for more than a decade, yet the debate on the terms for access to genetic resources and traditional knowledge in the bioprospecting process is far from settled.

This book employs an interdisciplinary law and economics methodology to derive structures for optimal property rights and institutional mechanisms for regulating bioprospecting for drug research. Focusing on the economics of contracts in the drug discovery and development process using genetic resources, it shows that the rights exchanged at each stage of the process are complementary to one another.

This book is one of the first to address the contractual complexities of bioprospecting for drug research and is thus a key text for policy makers and practitioners, university scholars and students in the areas of law, economics, ethnobotany, anthropology and environmental sciences.

“The author examines, with outstanding analytical capabilities, complex economic issues of particular importance to developing countries and the drug industry. The book offers stimulating insights in a rigorous and accessible manner. It will be of great value for researchers, policy makers, managers and all those concerned with the protection and sustainable use of biodiversity.”
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“Dr Gehl Sampath’s book is a welcome contribution to an important but highly polarized debate. It offers an objective and academically rigorous treatment of what is a highly complex subject, and in doing so should contribute to fairer and more effective bioprospecting regulation.”

Graham Dutfield, Senior Research Fellow, Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute, University of London
More than 500 international agreements and institutions now influence the governance of environmental problems ranging from climate change to persistent organic pollutants. The establishment of environmental institutions has been largely ad hoc, diffused, and somewhat chaotic. This patchwork approach has emerged because the international community has addressed key environmental challenges as and when they have arisen. The World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg in 2002 underscored the need to reform the current institutional framework for environmental governance, but failed to come up with any substantive recommendations.

This book takes up the question left unanswered at Johannesburg: what international institutional framework would best promote the protection of the global environment? The contributors take a systematic approach to formulating proposals for institutional changes in international environmental governance and examine three potential models: enforcement, centralisation, and co-operation through increased co-ordination and collaboration. They review alternative institutional arrangements to address identified weaknesses, elaborate upon specific reform proposals generated through recent policy debates, and evaluate the potential of each proposal to remedy current weaknesses within the international environmental governance system.

Reforming International Environmental Governance provides useful information about the costs and benefits of different models and approaches to reforming international environmental governance and contributes substantive analysis to future debates.

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Mankind and the Oceans

UNU Series on Water Resources Management and Policy

Nobuyuki Miyazaki, Zafar Adeel and Kouichi Ohwada, editors

The oceans cover more than 70 percent of the Earth’s surface and play an important part in our lives by controlling climate and weather conditions; hosting shipping, transportation, recreation and tourism; and providing us with food, minerals and petroleum. The relationship between mankind and the oceans has been crucial since prehistoric times. With the growth of the human population, especially in coastal zones, there is a growing threat to oceans from land-based activities such as industrial effluent, municipal sewage, and runoff from agricultural areas, as well as antifouling agents used on ships and aquaculture nets, and the excessive exploitation of fish stocks.

This book contains important and fascinating evidence of the role of the oceans in mankind’s survival in the twenty-first century. It focuses on regional and national case studies and emphasizes approaches that can help remedy our impact on the oceans. It contains a lot of valuable information on the ocean environment, including controversial issues such as fish stock depletion rates, plus the conservation of ecosystems and biodiversity, and constructive suggestions for future directions.

The oceans belong to us all and we are equally responsible for the wise utilization and protection of their bountiful resources. Mankind and the Oceans is a useful tool for policymakers, resource managers, graduate and undergraduate students, scientists and all other people concerned about the role and future of our oceans.

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Public Participation in the Governance of International Freshwater Resources

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Clean water is essential to human survival, yet it is increasingly scarce. Despite pressures on this crucial resource, people often have little or no opportunity to participate in watershed decisions that affect them, particularly when they live along international watercourses. The success of efforts to manage water effectively, efficiently, and equitably will depend, in large part, on providing the public with a voice in watershed management decisions that affect them.

This volume examines experiences in public participation in the management of many watercourses around the world, drawing lessons learned and highlighting areas for further development.

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Sustainable Management of Headwater Resources

Research from Africa and India

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Headwaters are the source of freshwater resources, the margins of drainage basins, and the first and zero order basins that surround every catchment. The challenge is to define appropriate, self-sustainable, management strategies and structures for these lands that meet the needs of the headwater habitat, including its human inhabitants, and the needs of habitats downstream.

The contributors to this book strive to anticipate emerging and future problems; to discover integrated solutions to the problems already caused by land degradation, natural hazards and development processes; and to help develop better land management, environmental protection and landscape regeneration practices and policies.

Sustainable Management of Headwater Resources provides an understanding of current and prior situations and provides scientific analyses of local and regional headwater issues in India and Africa. The authors analyse the current situation through field experiments that provide reliable information on the status of headwater resources in these regions.

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Confronting Environmental Change In East and Southeast Asia

Eco-Politics, Foreign Policy, and Sustainable Development

Paul Harris, editor

An edited collection of concise, hard-hitting essays by a group of international experts and scholars that address the politics and policy of environmental change and sustainable development in East and Southeast Asia.

The book pays particular attention to the ways in which foreign policy and international relations theories help explain eco-politics and sustainable development in the region. Case studies cover environmental diplomacy in East Asia and strategies for sustainable development in Southeast Asia, including Japanese environmental policy, China’s climate change diplomacy, the role of NGOs in shaping Thailand’s policies on biodiversity, international assistance and marine environmental protection in Vietnam, sustainable development policy in Taiwan, and the role of community-based conflict management in environmental protection efforts in Papua New Guinea.

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Key Issues for Mountain Areas

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The world’s mountains are vital regions for all of humanity, providing a wide range of goods and services to their inhabitants, to those living nearby or downstream, and to the hundreds of millions who visit them or for whom they have spiritual significance. How to preserve fragile mountain ecosystems that provide critical goods and services while improving the lives of those who live in the mountains? This and other key issues of sustainable mountain development are examined in a series of papers prepared by globally-recognised experts.

While mountain areas have long been on the periphery of national and global policy debates, their importance is underlined by the fact that they cover 24% of the Earth’s land surface and 26% of the global population lives on them or very close by. They are sources of water, food, timber, minerals and other natural resources; they provide many opportunities for recreation and tourism; and they are centres of biological and cultural diversity and religious significance. At the same time, mountain people and mountain environments are particularly threatened by global environmental change and global economic and political forces. Unfortunately, a disproportionate number of conflicts occur in mountain regions, and their inhabitants include many of the poorest and most vulnerable in the world.

This book explores many of these issues, with particular emphases on appropriate institutions and policies for sustainable mountain development. It is thus a key reference for scholars, policymakers and others interested in the future of the world’s mountain areas.

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Human Rights and Societies in Transition
Causes, Consequences, Responses
Shale Horowitz and Albrecht Schnabel, editors

Human rights violations are often particularly severe in transition societies that are undergoing significant political, social and economic transformations. Improving human rights practices in transition societies should therefore be a central goal for domestic reformers and the international community alike. This makes sense not only because of the intrinsic value of improved human rights protection, but also because of the indirect effects that such improvements have on democratization, economic development, and conflict resolution.

The book is a joint effort by 17 scholars from various parts of the world, specializing in political science, sociology, law, and regional studies. It explores the contemporary international human rights regime, the factors predominantly responsible for human rights violations in transition societies, long-term consequences of such violations, and political remedies.

Refugees and Forced Displacement
International Security, Human Vulnerability, and the State
Edward Newman and Joanne van Selm, editors

The orthodox definition of international security puts human displacement and refugees at the periphery. In contrast, Refugees and Forced Displacement demonstrates that human displacement can be both a cause and a consequence of conflict within and among societies. As such, the management of refugee movements and the protection of displaced people should be an integral part of security policy and conflict management.

Refugees and forcibly displaced people can also represent the starkest example of a tension between human security where the primary focus is the individual and communities and more conventional models of national security tied to the sovereign state and military defence of territory. This book explores this tension with respect to a number of pressing problems related to refugees and forced displacement. It also demonstrates how many of these challenges have been exacerbated by the war on terror since September 11, 2001.

“For too long the study of refugee issues has been seen as an isolated and often secondary challenge. It should now be analyzed within a much broader context with the needs and rights of people at the centre, rather than on the periphery. This book represents a substantial input into this developing debate.”

**South Asia in the World**
**Problem Solving Perspectives on Security, Sustainable Development, and Good Governance**

Ramesh Thakur and Oddny Wiggen, editors

The scale of the problems faced and the numbers of people involved in South Asia are so huge that success or failure in South Asia pose defining challenges to the core mandates of the United Nations as the global arena for problem-solving. Developments in South Asia cut across the major faultlines of the UN system with respect to the challenges of economic development, environmental protection, food and water security, democratic governance and human rights, nuclear war and peace, inter-state and internal conflicts, and new security issues like AIDS and international terrorism.

*South Asia in the World,* presents issues of particular relevance to the region, and explores the potential for improvement both in domestic and international efforts at alleviating the problems of South Asia.

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**Broadening Asia’s Security Discourse and Agenda**
**Political, Social and Environmental Perspectives**

Ramesh Thakur and Edward Newman, editors

The security discourse is dominated by the traditional state-centric paradigm which privileges the territorial defence of a country against armed attack from foreign countries. For most people in Asia – a continent that counts for more than half of the world’s population – the greatest threats to security come from disease, hunger, environmental contamination, crime and localized violence. For some, a still greater threat may come from their own government itself, rather than from an ‘external’ adversary. The citizens of states that are ‘secure’ according to the concept of traditional security can be perilously insecure in terms of their everyday reality.

Going beyond military threats and state-centric analysis, this book demonstrates the importance of a broad security agenda that incorporates political, economic, social and environmental dimensions as well as the many linkages between them. It applies non-traditional security perspectives to a range of human challenges across Asia, in the hope of encouraging a security discourse where humans are at the vital core. It also explores the potential practical and conceptual benefits of non-traditional security thinking in a continent beset by both conventional and non-traditional security challenges.
Tests of Global Governance
Canadian Diplomacy and United Nations World Conferences
Andrew F. Cooper

*Tests of Global Governance: Canadian Diplomacy and United Nations World Conferences* provides a detailed examination of UN World Conferences with respect to the interface between diplomatic method and new forms of global governance. Because of the complex dynamics involved in these large international conferences, this book highlights a number of important theoretical debates central to the study of international relations. On a case study basis the work demonstrates that global governance is a differentiated multi-spectral site of activity within which states and non-state actors alike, particularly NGOs, play vital, often conflicting roles.

“As Andrew Cooper tells his readers early on in this complex and interesting study, scholars and pundits have heralded ‘a new diplomacy’ with remarkable regularity, roughly once every two decades. Nevertheless, Cooper makes a compelling case for his own version of a new diplomacy, one that involves many different actors in non-traditional settings such as UN conferences.” Anne-Marie Slaughter, Dean, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University

“This is an important book for anyone interested in international public policy. It gives a very clear picture of the actual workings of the ‘actually-existing’ legislative process of global governance (problem-specific, global conferences) and the central, perhaps essential, role of ‘middle powers,’ Canada in particular.” Craig N. Murphy, M. Margaret Ball

Perspectives on Growth and Poverty
Rolph van der Hoeven and Anthony Shorrocks, editors

The relationship between growth and poverty lies at the heart of development economics. While many see aggregate growth as both necessary and sufficient for reducing poverty, and consequently focus their efforts on achieving the desired macroeconomic outcomes, others stress that the benefits from growth may not be evenly spread. In fact critics of globalization often point out that growth of the macroeconomy may well have an adverse effect on the most vulnerable members of society. Thus the distributional impact of growth, as well as its level, needs to be taken into account when considering the consequences for poverty.

*Perspectives on Growth and Poverty* deals with institutional and policy questions, as well as sectoral issues and individual country experiences that illustrate the broad range of objectives and topics.

“This *Perspectives on Growth and Poverty* deals with two subjects which have attracted treatments that score high on relevance or on rigour: the present volume offers a collection of essays which, exceptionally, score high with respect to both attributes.” Professor S. Subramanian, Madras Institute of Development Studies

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Ernest Aryeetey, Julius Court, Machiko Nissanke, and Beatrice Weder, editors

This book brings a crucial issue to the fore: how to manage the process of strategic integration into the global economy.

The performance of Asian and African economies over recent decades clearly shows that engagement with the global economy can play a key role in advancing development.

Researchers and policymakers have paid particular attention to the marked divergence in growth in Southeast Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. One of the most obvious differences in their performance and economic structure has been the extent of their participation in the global economy. While many East Asian economies have accelerated their integration into the world economy and upgraded their mode of linkages, the majority of sub-Saharan African countries have been increasingly marginalized.

Asia and Africa in the Global Economy systematically deciphers the different experiences in the two regions as they have interacted with an ever-changing global economy.

Emerging Forces in Environmental Governance
Norichika Kanie and Peter M. Haas, editors

This book addresses the various new channels of multilateral environmental governance that have appeared within an increasingly globalized international system at the beginning of 21st century. While states ultimately continue to make and enforce international law, they are increasingly dependent upon multilateral institutions, organized science, NGOs and social movements, and business and industry for formulating their views and for conducting policy. It is the emerging forces emanating from this multiplicity of actors that facilitate institutional synergisms in environmental governance. This volume focuses on clarifying the key actors and the governance functions they perform in addressing environmental threats.

“Is the world ready to commit to the next generation of environmental governance reforms? Emerging Forces in Environmental Governance provides both a historical review of key developments since the Stockholm Conference in 1972 as well as an insightful taxonomy of the institutions and drivers of change for the future.” Achim Steiner, Director General, IUCN-The World Conservation Union

Emerging Forces in Environmental Governance is a gem. It captures the complexity of the international system, links the domestic, regional and global levels, and showcases the many actors besides States who determine whether development is environmentally sound. The book offers informed and insightful analyses relevant to a broad audience.” Edith Brown Weiss, Francis Cabell Brown Professor of International Law, Georgetown University Law Center.
**Agrodiversity**

*Learning From Farmers Across the World*

**Harold Brookfield, Helen Parsons, and Muriel Brookfield, editors**

Through generations of innovation and experiment, smallholder farmers have nurtured a rich diversity of plants and animals, both wild and domesticated. Most academic literature emphasizes the accelerated loss of biodiversity, but this book describes how large numbers of smallholder farmers are conserving biodiversity in their farmland and surrounds. It is based on the fieldwork of the United Nations University Project on *People, Land Management and Environmental Change (PLEC)*, which has observed how farmers use their knowledge and skills to manage diversity and also to manage their resources conservatively and profitably.

PLEC members, coordinators and advisers work out of over 60 institutions in Brazil, China, Ghana, Guinée, Jamaica, Kenya, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Thailand, Tanzania, Uganda, Britain, the United States, Japan and Australia. The work of these country groups is the main subject matter of this book.

**Managing Agrodiversity the Traditional Way**

*Lessons from West Africa in Sustainable Use of Biodiversity and Related Natural Resources*

**Edwin A. Gyasi, Gordana Kranjac-Berisavljevic, Essie T. Blay and William Oduro, editors**

Drawing on findings of nearly ten years of United Nations University Project on *People, Land Management and Environmental Change (UNU/PLEC)* multidisciplinary, participatory research work in West Africa (mainly Ghana), this book shows how, traditionally, farmers cultivate and conserve biodiversity while, at the same time, using the land for food production. It highlights PLEC interventions for sustaining agrodiversity for rural livelihoods, as it does lessons for teaching, policy and development planning.

The book would appeal to policy makers and practitioners, and to university students and teachers, including those of agriculture, social science, biological science and others relating to environmental or natural resources management and sustainable development.

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Agricultural Biodiversity in Smallholder Farms of East Africa
Fidelis Kaihura and Michael Stocking, editors

This book documents how the smallholder farmers of East Africa – in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda – are playing their part in the global agenda for the conservation, sustainable use and the equitable sharing of the benefits of biodiversity. The United Nations University PLEC project, funded by the Global Environment Facility under the provisions for the Convention on Biological Diversity, is showing how the accumulated knowledge and experience of smallholders and their diverse practices leads to clear benefits for both biodiversity and society. This book draws on lessons learned from farmers, researchers, extension staff, policy-makers and aid agencies cooperating and actively supporting PLEC demonstration sites in East Africa. It shows the very real potential of learning from farmers and basing policy on tried and tested ways of managing complex agricultural systems.

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Libor Jansky, Masahiro Murakami, and Nevelina I. Pachova

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Present and Future

Marta Vannucci, editor

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Response in a Rapidly Developing Region

Zafar Adeel, editor

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