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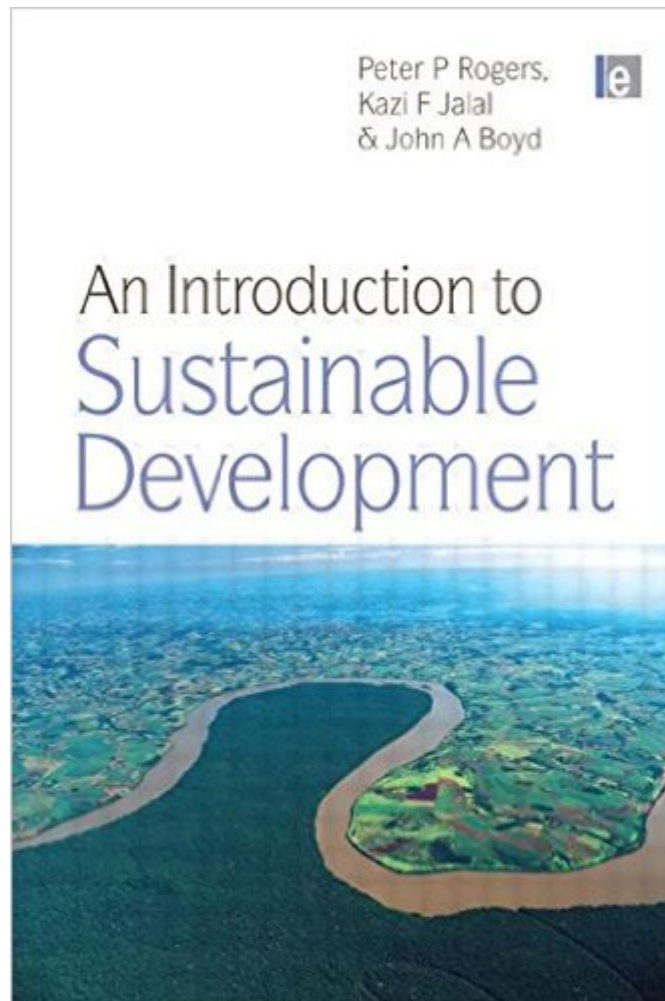# An Introduction To Sustainable Development

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Synopsis

This volume is the most comprehensive textbook on sustainable development. It has been developed with students and professionals from around the world specifically for those who need a thorough grounding in the subject. Coverage includes: background to sustainable development and global environmental issues; measurement and sustainability indicators; environmental assessment, management and policy; approaches and linkages to poverty reduction; impacts and infrastructure development; economics, consumption, production and market failures; governance; participation; disaster management; international financial institutions; international environmental agreements; and the role of civil society.

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I am a professor of International Education Policy and economic development at Vanderbilt University and have recently adopted this book for advanced undergraduates and first year graduate students.This text provides, far more than others I reviewed, a thorough overview of the various dimensions of sustainable development (SD). Where other reviews may have faulted the book for tying most of these dimensions to economics, I celebrate this aspect as both realistic and forward thinking. The editorial reviewer is absolutely correct that the "conceptual depth is impressive"; it is also accurate and appropriately interdisciplinary. I suspect some will find the book too rigorous despite a clear need for such a book in the SD field.From the history and bases of SD thought to the international players that determine much of development policy, this text provides

readers with a solid tour de force into the world of sustainable development. Its emphases on natural resource allocation, public policy, economic policy, social context and global cooperation offers a strong framework for understanding and analyzing the numerous elements of SD.If there is one area where the book is less than ideal, it is in its treatment of the dimensions of global health. The authors should take a look at the new OPHI Working Papers and UNDP 2010 Human Development Report and recognize that human health constitutes a significant portion of sustainable development. Hopefully, they will include more on this in the second edition.

This is a selected textbook for my course on Sustainability. The author gave a very good description on the environmental development in America. It is well written and easy to read. I have a much better knowledge on this subject after reading the book. The cost and quality of the book are good and it arrived timely. Happy with my purchase.

Unfortunately, my class did not use this book enough to warrant the price. The few sections/chapters we did work with were written well and contained just the right amount of info.

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