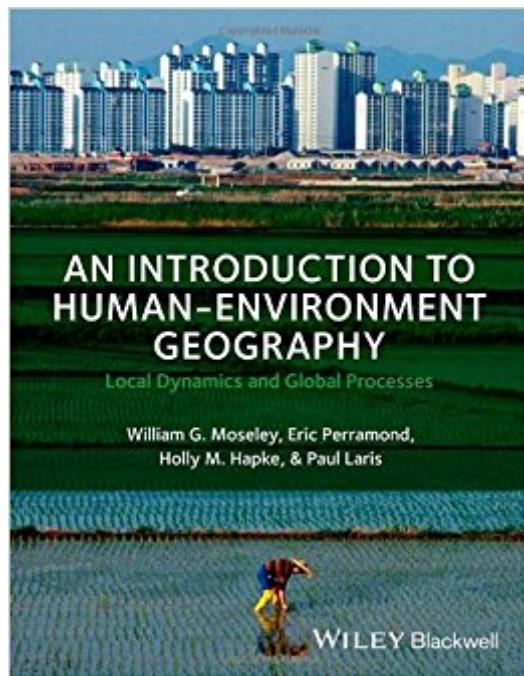


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# An Introduction To Human-Environment Geography: Local Dynamics And Global Processes



## **Synopsis**

This introductory level text explores various theoretical approaches to human-environment geography, demonstrating how local dynamics and global processes influence how we interact with our environments. Introduces students to fundamental concepts in environmental geography and science. Explores the core theoretical traditions within the field, along with major thematic issues such as population, food and agriculture, and water resources. Offers an engaging and unique view of the spatial relationships between humans and their environment across geographical locations around the world. Includes a variety of real-world policy questions and emphasizes geography's strong tradition of field work by featuring prominent nature-society geographers in guest field notes.

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I really liked the book, I thought that for an introductory course it was a pretty simple yet very useful. It has a nice color scheme to the book which makes reading very pleasant to the readers' eye. Overall very good book for my introductory environmental geography course.

For being an introduction, the book serves its function well. Broad span, not much depth. Is conscious that it is an introduction and encourages deeper research into noted areas of interest.

Pretty good

exact book I needed for class

I am using this text in an upper-division undergraduate course in human-environment relations (including materials strongly based in near and deep human history). I like the text, and my students do too (especially when contrasted with a work like Crosby's Ecological Imperialism!) I don't know if there are any further resources, like region-based case studies. I have been bringing in my own, but would be useful to have two or three per chapter.

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