

# ECOLOGICAL STABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

- Living systems maintain some degree of stability through constant change in response to environmental conditions through:
  - **Inertia** (persistence): the ability of a living system to resist being disturbed or altered.
  - **Constancy**: the ability of a living system to keep its numbers within the limits imposed by available resources.
  - **Resilience**: the ability of a living system to bounce back and repair damage after (a not too drastic) disturbance.

# Ecological Stability

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## **Ecological Stability:**

**Ecological Networks and Territorial Systems of Ecological Stability** László Miklós, Andrea Diviaková, Zita Izakovičová, 2018-08-13 This book provides a wealth of information for all those involved in using ecological networks for biodiversity protection and environmental management as well as their significance for planning. It describes the concept of ecological networks and presents methods and real world examples of the use of a territorial system of ecological stability TSES in Slovakia at national, regional and local levels including the assessment of the significance of biocentres, biocorridors and interactive elements. Using both a functional model for preserving the living conditions of habitats or preventing their collapse and the connectivity of biotopes in a landscape as an original type of ecological network based on landscape ecological principles, TSES represents a modern concept of nature and biodiversity protection based on the principles of protection of the conditions and forms of biota. A Companion to the Philosophy of Biology Sahotra Sarkar, Anya Plutynski, 2010-11-08 A COMPANION TO THE PHILOSOPHY OF BIOLOGY Sarkar is to be congratulated for assembling this talented team of philosophers who are themselves to be congratulated for writing these interesting essays on so many fascinating areas in philosophy of biology. This book will be a wonderful resource for future work. Elliot Sober, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Many of the discussions here start with a definition of terms and a historical context of the subject before delving into the deeper philosophical issues, making it a useful reference for students of biology as well as philosophy. *Northeastern Naturalist*. The topics that are addressed are done so well. This book will appeal to the advanced student and knowledgeable amateur and may prove useful catalyst for discussion among research teams or those engaged in cross-disciplinary studies. *Reference Reviews*. A Companion to the Philosophy of Biology offers concise overviews of philosophical issues raised by all areas of biology. Addressing both traditional and emerging areas of philosophical interest, the volume focuses on the philosophical implications of evolutionary theory as well as key topics such as molecular biology, immunology and ecology. Comprising essays by top scholars in the field, this volume is an authoritative guide for professional philosophers, historians, sociologists and biologists as well as an accessible reference work for students seeking to learn about this rapidly changing field. Designing Low Carbon Societies in Landscapes Nobukazu Nakagoshi, Jhonamie A. Mabuhay, 2014-05-09 This book focuses on three major means of achieving a low carbon society: conservation of the ecosystem, complex changes of arrangement of landscapes and creation of biodiversity. There are specific countermeasures to be taken for carbon absorption in the three types of landscapes: urban, cultural and natural, because their carbon balances differ. Urban landscapes are promising sites because they have the potential for greening and the creation of biodiversity. Cultural landscapes in the tropics had not been actively researched until recently, but this book now presents a collection of several cases focused on those areas. Natural landscapes had existed in abundance in developing countries; later, nature protection areas were designated to coexist with development. Now, however, developmental pressure has penetrated into those nature protection

areas and landscape ecological projects are urgently required to preserve them As a result of global warming abnormal weather phenomena including super typhoons have occurred frequently in recent years The major underlying cause is the higher concentration of greenhouse gases released by human activities As well major natural absorbers of CO<sub>2</sub> such as forests wetlands and coral reefs are shrinking and the human impact is causing the ecological balance to deteriorate Controlling CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and expanding the CO<sub>2</sub> absorbers are keys to reducing total CO<sub>2</sub> Low carbon societies can be established by maintaining the original CO<sub>2</sub> balance through integration of multiple tools with contributions from diverse fields such as physics and chemistry physiology and humanities and education On the basis of an international consensus the environment must be protected no matter what sacrifices are required As this book demonstrates achieving a low carbon society is a top priority and landscape conservation is the first step in ecological research toward that goal

**Ecological Stability** Mícháél B. Úshér, M. H. Wíllíámsón, University of York, 2013-11-21      *Stability of Spruce Forest Ecosystems International Symposium*, 1980      **Environmental Quality and Ecosystem Stability**, 1986      *A Green and Permanent Land* Randal S. Beeman, James A. Pritchard, 2001

Once patronized primarily by the counterculture and the health food establishment the organic food industry today is a multi billion dollar business driven by ever growing consumer demand for safe food and greater public awareness of ecological issues Assumed by many to be a recent phenomenon that industry owes much to agricultural innovations that go back to the Dust Bowl era This book explores the roots and branches of alternative agricultural ideas in twentieth century America showing how ecological thought has challenged and changed agricultural theory practice and policy from the 1930s to the present It introduces us to the people and institutions who forged alternatives to industrialized agriculture through a deep concern for the enduring fertility of the soil a passionate commitment to human health and a strong advocacy of economic justice for farmers Randal Beeman and James Pritchard show that agricultural issues were central to the rise of the environmental movement in the United States As family farms failed during the Depression a new kind of agriculture was championed based on the holistic approach taught by the emerging science of ecology Ecology influenced the permanent agriculture movement that advocated such radical concepts as long term land use planning comprehensive soil conservation and organic farming Then in the 1970s sustainable agriculture combined many of these ideas with new concerns about misguided technology and an over consumptive culture to preach a more sensible approach to farming In chronicling the overlooked history of alternative agriculture *A Green and Permanent Land* records the significant contributions of individuals like Rex Tugwell Hugh Bennett Louis Bromfield Edward Faulkner Russell and Kate Lord Scott and Helen Nearing Robert Rodale Wes Jackson and groups like Friends of the Land and the Practical Farmers of Iowa And by demonstrating how agriculture also remains central to the public interest especially in the face of climatic crises genetically altered crops and questionable uses of pesticides this book puts these issues in historical perspective and offers readers considerable food for thought

**Unlikely Environmentalists** Paul Charles

Milazzo,2006 Reveals how boosters bureaucrats and engineers not grassroots protesters were truly the ones responsible for spearheading the passage of the Clean Water Act of 1972 How these unlikely protagonists helped to pass the era s most far reaching regulatory law gives us rare insight into how Congress was able to take the lead in addressing those concerns namely in the form of water quality issues *Structure, Functioning and Management of Ecosystems* ,1974 **Ecological Stability** Peter Van Voris,Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Environmental Sciences Division,1976

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The Lancet ,1946 **Ecology** ,1994 **House documents** ,1895 **Annual Report of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution** Smithsonian Institution,1896 Annual Report of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution Smithsonian Institution. Board of Regents,1896 Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific United Nations Environment Programme,1982 Report and background papers of a regional seminar Alternative patterns of development and life styles in Asia and the Pacific jointly convened by UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and UNEP Bangkok 14 18 August 1979 **Seeing Nature Through Gender** Virginia Scharff,2003 Environmental history has traditionally told the story of Man and Nature Scholars have too frequently overlooked the ways in which their predominantly male subjects have themselves been shaped by gender Seeing Nature through Gender here reintroduces gender as a meaningful category of analysis for environmental history showing how women s actions desires and choices have shaped the world and seeing men as gendered actors as well In thirteen essays that show how gendered ideas have shaped the ways in which people have represented experienced and consumed their world Virginia Scharff and her coauthors explore interactions between gender and environment in history Ranging from colonial borderlands to transnational boundaries from mountaintop to marketplace they focus on historical representations of humans and nature on questions about consumption on environmental politics and on the complex reciprocal relations among human bodies and changing landscapes They also challenge the ecofeminist position by challenging the notion that men and women are essentially different creatures with biologically different destinies Each article shows how a person or group of people in history have understood nature in gendered terms and acted accordingly often with dire consequences for other people and organisms Here are considerations of the ways we study sexuality among birds of William Byrd s masking sexual encounters in his account of an eighteenth century expedition of how the ecology of fire in a changing built environment has reshaped firefighters own gendered identities Some are playful as in a piece on the evolution of snow bunnies to shred betties Others are dead serious as in a chilling portrait of how endocrine disrupters are reinventing humans animals and water systems from the cellular level out Aiding and adding significantly to the enterprise of environmental history Seeing Nature through

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