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Sustainable and Resilient Critical Infrastructure Systems Kasthurirangan Gopalakrishnan, Srinivas Peeta, 2010-04-13 Sustainable and resilient critical infrastructure systems is an emerging paradigm in an evolving era of depleting assets in the midst of natural and man made threats to provide a sustainable and high quality of life with optimized resources from social economic societal and environmental considerations The increasing complexity and interconnectedness of civil and other interdependent infrastructure systems electric power energy cyber infrastructures etc require inter and multidisciplinary expertise required to engineer monitor and sustain these distributed large scale complex adaptive infrastructure systems This edited book is motivated by recent advances in simulation modeling sensing communications information and intelligent and sustainable technologies that have resulted in the development of sophisticated methodologies and instruments to design characterize optimize and evaluate critical infrastructure systems their resilience and their condition and the factors that cause their deterioration Specific topics discussed in this book include but are not limited to optimal infrastructure investment allocation for sustainability framework for manifestation of tacit critical infrastructure knowledge interdependencies between energy and transportation systems for national long term planning intelligent transportation infrastructure technologies emergent research issues in infrastructure interdependence research framework for assessing the resilience of infrastructure and economic systems maintenance optimization for heterogeneous infrastructure systems optimal emergency infrastructure inspection scheduling and sustainable rehabilitation of deteriorated transportation infrastructure systems

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Sustainability Science: Field Methods and Exercises Miguel Esteban, Tomohiro Akiyama, Chiahsin Chen, Izumi Ikeda, Takashi Mino, 2016-07-29 This book builds up on the experience and lessons learnt by academics at the Graduate Program in Sustainability Science Global Leadership Initiative GPSS GLI at the University of Tokyo A number of scholars in the new field of sustainability science describe how field methods and exercises are carried out in this discipline together with the theoretical basis for such exercises Case studies of various countries around the world where these exercises are carried out are showcased emphasizing the various socio economic considerations and problems facing humanity and possible ways forward to build more sustainable and resilient societies The final objective is to enrich the field of sustainability science by describing the novel aspects used in the field exercises carried out by practitioners of this cross disciplinary field

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Angelo,2016-03-03 Although concerns over the ecological impacts of pesticides gave rise to the environmental movement of the late 1960s and 1970s since that time pesticide use and its effects have been largely ignored by the law and by legal scholars This book addresses this omission by providing a unique and serious treatment of the significance of pesticide issues in environmental law and takes an ecological perspective on the legal issues Dealing with a wide range of questions relating to pests and pesticides the book focuses primarily on agricultural pesticide use as the largest contaminator in the US It also examines the legacy of past pesticide use and analyzes how recent developments in ecological science can inform the law and increase our understanding of ecology Interdisciplinary in its approach the book will be of interest to academics lawyers scientists and environmental and agricultural professionals *Beyond Reductionism* Katharine Farrell,Tommaso Luzzati,Sybille van den Hove,2013-05-07 This is a book about the work of scientists in the era of the Anthropocene where human beings appear to have become a driving force in the evolution of the planet It is a diverse collection of empirical methodological and theoretical chapters concerned with the practice of interdisciplinary social ecological systems research The aim of the contributors is to give the reader an appreciation for the range and complexity of the challenges faced by researchers research institutions and wider communities trying to make sense of the causes and consequences of the this new era of global environmental change The tragedy of the Anthropocene of the large scale anthropogenic habitat destruction and planet wide impacts of anthropogenic climate change is not that science has failed humanity but rather that it has served humanity all too well making possible in just a few hundred years volumes and scales of human activity far exceeding anything ever seen before Coming to terms with that success was the aim of the 1969 Alpbach Symposium from which this book draws its name where contributors including Friedrich Hayek and Ludwig von Bertalanffy asked themselves what theory practices and standards are required to move beyond reductionism Like those from 1969 the answers presented in this collection are hugely diverse ranging from PhD students concerned with research methods and institutional obstacles to mid career scholars presenting their innovative beyond reductionism research methods to emeritus professors looking back over what has been achieved in the past 30 years and suggesting where things might go from here All the contributors begin from the premise that the challenges of the Anthropocene can only be successfully met if interdisciplinary research effectively brings together social and natural sciences the humanities stakeholders and decision makers They conclude in unison that both the institutional and the methodological foundations needed to do this work are still sorely lacking While this may seem a dismal position the book is full of success stories such as the integrative approach of MuSIASEM Multi Scale Integrative Assessment of Social Ecological Metabolism developed by Mario Giampietro s group in Barcelona Spain the alternative perspectives of what Ariel Salleh calls the meta industrial discourse in Ecofeminism or the innovative trans departmental status of the Stockholm Resilience Centre in Sweden Putting both the theoretical and methodological challenges of moving beyond reductionism on the table for discussion this text aims to help a growing community of

passionate thinkers and actors better understand themselves and their work *Ecological Systems* Rik Leemans,2012-12-12 Earth is home to an estimated 8 million animal species 600 000 fungi 300 000 plants and an undetermined number of microbial species Of these animal fungal and plant species an estimated 75% have yet to be identified Moreover the interactions between these species and their physical environment are known to an even lesser degree At the same time the earth s biota faces the prospect of climate change which may manifest slowly or extremely rapidly as well as a human population set to grow by two billion by 2045 from the current seven billion Given these major ecological changes we cannot wait for a complete biota data set before assessing planning and acting to preserve the ecological balance of the earth This book provides comprehensive coverage of the scientific and engineering basis of the systems ecology of the earth in 15 detailed peer reviewed entries written for a broad audience of undergraduate and graduate students as well as practicing professionals in government academia and industry The methodology presented aims at identifying key interactions and environmental effects and enabling a systems level understanding even with our present state of factual knowledge **A Framework of Human Systems Engineering** Holly A. H. Handley,Andreas Tolk,2020-12-03 Explores the breadth and versatility of Human Systems Engineering HSE practices and illustrates its value in system development A Framework of Human Systems Engineering Applications and Case Studies offers a guide to identifying and improving methods to integrate human concerns into the conceptualization and design of systems With contributions from a panel of noted experts on the topic the book presents a series of Human Systems Engineering HSE applications on a wide range of topics interface design training requirements personnel capabilities and limitations and human task allocation Each of the book s chapters present a case study of the application of HSE from different dimensions of socio technical systems The examples are organized using a socio technical system framework to reference the applications across multiple system types and domains These case studies are based in real world examples and highlight the value of applying HSE to the broader engineering community This important book Includes a proven framework with case studies to different dimensions of practice including domain system type and system maturity Contains the needed tools and methods in order to integrate human concerns within systems Encourages the use of Human Systems Engineering throughout the design process Provides examples that cross traditional system engineering sectors and identifies a diverse set of human engineering practices Written for systems engineers human factors engineers and HSI practitioners A Framework of Human Systems Engineering Applications and Case Studies provides the information needed for the better integration of human and systems and early resolution of issues based on human constraints and limitations *Grassroots to Global* Marianne E. Krasny,2018-06-15 This edited volume presents diverse case studies about the implications of civic ecology practices worldwide It answers how civic ecology practices emerge the role the practices play in the ability of communities and individuals to address social ecological stresses and given climate associated disturbances what strategies can be used to expand impacts of community driven practices to foster large scale

resilience and sustainability *Complex Evolutionary Dynamics in Urban-Regional and Ecologic-Economic Systems* J. Barkley Rosser, 2011-06-22 Drawing on the middle chapters from the first edition of J Barkley Rosser's seminal work *From Catastrophe to Chaos* this book presents an unusual perspective on economics and economic analysis Current economic theory largely depends upon assuming that the world is fundamentally continuous However an increasing amount of economic research has been done using approaches that allow for discontinuities such as catastrophe theory chaos theory synergetics and fractal geometry The spread of such approaches across a variety of disciplines of thought has constituted a virtual intellectual revolution in recent years This book reviews the applications of these approaches in various subdisciplines of economics and draws upon past economic thinkers to develop an integrated view of economics as a whole from the perspective of inherent discontinuity **Ecosystem-Based Management for the Oceans** Karen McLeod, Heather Leslie, 2012-09-26 Conventional management approaches cannot meet the challenges faced by ocean and coastal ecosystems today Consequently national and international bodies have called for a shift toward more comprehensive ecosystem based marine management Synthesizing a vast amount of current knowledge *Ecosystem Based Management for the Oceans* is a comprehensive guide to utilizing this promising new approach At its core ecosystem based management EBM is about acknowledging connections Instead of focusing on the impacts of single activities on the delivery of individual ecosystem services EBM focuses on the array of services that we receive from marine systems the interactive and cumulative effects of multiple human activities on these coupled ecological and social systems and the importance of working towards common goals across sectors *Ecosystem Based Management for the Oceans* provides a conceptual framework for students and professionals who want to understand and utilize this powerful approach And it employs case studies that draw on the experiences of EBM practitioners to demonstrate how EBM principles can be applied to real world problems The book emphasizes the importance of understanding the factors that contribute to social and ecological resilience the extent to which a system can maintain its structure function and identity in the face of disturbance Utilizing the resilience framework professionals can better predict how systems will respond to a variety of disturbances as well as to a range of management alternatives *Ecosystem Based Management for the Oceans* presents the latest science of resilience while it provides tools for the design and implementation of responsive EBM solutions *Crisis and Emergency Management* Ali Farazmand, 2014-03-25 More than 12 years have passed since the publication of the first edition of *Crisis and Emergency Management* During that time numerous disasters from 9 11 to massive earthquakes in Iran and China to the giant Asian Tsunami Hurricane Katrina and the Fukushima Tsunami and ensuing nuclear meltdown have changed the way we manage catastrophic events With contributions from leading experts this second edition features 40 new chapters that address recent worldwide crises and what we have learned from emergency responses to them See What's New in the Second Edition Up to date concepts theories and practices Analysis of recent disasters and their effect on emergency management Policy and

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Introduction to Civil Engineering Systems Samuel Labi, 2014-04-07 This book presents an integrated systems approach to the evaluation analysis design and maintenance of civil engineering systems Addressing recent concerns about the world's aging civil infrastructure and its environmental impact the author makes the case for why any civil infrastructure should be seen as part of a larger whole He walks readers through all phases of a civil project from feasibility assessment to construction to operations explaining how to evaluate tasks and challenges at each phase using a holistic approach Unique coverage of ethics legal issues and management is also included

Discontinuities in Ecosystems and Other Complex Systems Craig R. Allen, C. S. Holling, 2008-08-05 Following the publication of C S Holling's seminal work on the relationship between animal body mass patterns and scale specific landscape structure ecologists began to explore the theoretical and applied consequences of discontinuities in ecosystems and other complex systems Are ecosystems and their components continuously distributed and do they adhere to scaling laws or are they discontinuous and more complex than early models would have us believe The resulting propositions over the structure of complex systems sparked an ongoing debate regarding the mechanisms generating discontinuities and the statistical methods used for their detection This volume takes the view that ecosystems and other complex systems are inherently discontinuous and that such fields as ecology economics and urban studies greatly benefit from this paradigm shift Contributors present evidence of the ubiquity of discontinuous distributions in ecological and social systems and how their analysis provides insight into complex phenomena The book is divided into three sections The first focuses on background material and contrasting views concerning the discontinuous organization of complex systems The second discusses discontinuous patterns detected in a number of different systems and methods for detecting them and the third touches on the potential significance of discontinuities in complex systems Science is still dominated by a focus on power laws but the contributors to this volume are convinced power laws often mask the interesting dynamics of systems and that those

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Research Handbook on Climate Change and Agricultural Law Mary Jane Angelo, Anél Du Plessis, 2017-03-31
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The Cambridge Handbook of Environmental Justice and Sustainable Development Sumudu A. Atapattu, Carmen G. Gonzalez, Sara L. Seck, 2021-04-01
Despite the global endorsement of the Sustainable Development Goals environmental justice struggles are growing all over the world These struggles are not isolated injustices but symptoms of interlocking forms of oppression that privilege the few while inflicting misery on the many and threatening ecological collapse This handbook offers critical perspectives on the multi dimensional intersectional nature of environmental injustice and the cross cutting forms of oppression that unite and divide these struggles including gender race poverty and indigeneity The work sheds new light on the often neglected social dimension of sustainability and its relationship to human rights and environmental justice Using a variety of legal frameworks and case studies from around the world this volume illustrates the importance of overcoming the fragmentation of these legal frameworks and social movements in order to develop holistic solutions that promote justice and protect the planet s ecosystems at a time of intensifying economic and ecological crisis

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