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Achieving Sustainable Development Hans T. Bressers, Walter A. Rosenbaum, 2003-12-30 Bressers Rosenbaum and their contributors analyze what until recently has been among the least examined issues implicit in the growing global discourse about sustainable development the creation of institutions and processes for effective governance of sustainability policies The creation and endurance of governance institutions capable of implementing sustainability policies is in fact fundamental for any viable conception of sustainable development The analyses focus not only on how societies can organize but on how they do organize to overcome such daunting obstacles in the Netherlands the Northwest United States Costa Rica Madagascar Senegal and the European Union The writers focus particularly upon the special problem embedded in the sustainability paradigm that of organizing governance across scales that is to say across and between geographic political ecological or other social levels in a sustainable regime In recent years the scale problem has emerged as a major and enlarging concern as international efforts proliferate to implement various sorts of sustainability policies The analyses focus not only on how societies can organize but on how they do organize to overcome such daunting obstacles The analyses place considerable emphasis upon the history and lessons to be learned from ongoing efforts to achieve such governance in several diverse international settings including the Netherlands the Northwest United States Costa Rica Madagascar Senegal and the European Union

Integrating Climate Change Actions Into Local Development Livia Bizikova, John Robinson, Stewart Cohen, 2015-02-13 To date climate change adaptation and mitigation have been treated separately both in research and in the climate negotiations However a growing body of literature is now being developed that points to actual and potential synergies and trade offs between responses to climate change and sustainability This literature has evolved in a spontaneous way with diverse approaches and no common methodology to help practitioners explicitly plan for these synergies This special issue of the Climate Policy journal addresses this gap between scientific knowledge and practitioners needs by focussing on linkages between climate change and sustainable development at the level of conceptual framework and methods In particular the papers address in an integrated way local development options involving both adaptation and mitigation in order to promote resilience to climate change in human and natural systems The special issue provides policy and methodological guidelines for linking local development pathways with responses to climate change based on collaboration between local practitioners the public and scientists

Corporate Governance and Sustainability Suzanne Benn, Dexter Dunphy, 2013-01-11 In recent years as corporations and governments have increasingly been confronted with managing the expectations of a society newly alerted to the social and environmental risks of economic development recognition is dawning that achieving a sustainable world is dependent upon the democratic management and equitable distribution of these risks for now and for the future This book the first to explore the themes of corporate governance and sustainability argues that a better system of governance on a number of levels holds the key Contributed to and edited by a

distinguished international team this book recognizes the complex and contested nature of both sustainability and governance and that these key concepts have been redefined considerably over time As sustainability poses new and major challenges for the theory and practice of corporate governance this book ideal for postgraduate students of business and management identifies and addresses these challenges *The International Handbook on Social Innovation* Frank Moulaert, 2013-01-01 The challenges of poverty and social exclusion cannot be fully resolved through conventional public sector policies and market led innovation The case studies in this Handbook capture some of the key success factors of socially innovative action in different socio economic contexts This Handbook will inspire readers as it highlights the creativity and commitment of diverse enterprises and movements working for social innovation Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka Minister for Lands Housing and Human Settlements United Republic of Tanzania and retired UN Under Secretary General immediate former Executive Director of UN HABITAT Social innovation may not be a new idea but it is clearly an idea whose time has come not least because the traditional models of innovation narrowly framed technical models have run their course and no longer resonate in a world of societal challenges This Handbook has two great merits it brings conceptual rigour to the debate and it provides compelling narratives of social innovation in practice Kevin Morgan Cardiff University UK In an era where social innovation is re emerging as an important policy framework for bringing social transformation this volume is a significant contribution to the theory and practice of social innovation The incremental discussion from concepts to theory to practice and then to social innovation research is supported by cases literally from all over the globe It moves the discourse from isolated models of neighbourhood engagements and social enterprises to a comprehensive multidimensional approach combining needs social relations and empowerment A must read for academicians learners practitioners and policy makers alike S Parasuraman Tata Institute of Social Sciences Mumbai India Social innovation is an important instrument for understanding how contemporary societies deal with social change and how social practices and policies intended to combat poverty and social exclusion are developed and implemented effectively The Handbook offers a valuable contribution to the development of a clear transdisciplinary and critical understanding of social innovation practices The reader will find an in depth discussion of the most important theoretical approaches to the concept and a thorough exposition of the epistemological and methodological framework for research in social innovation The volume includes a number of interesting case studies in different areas of social change and issues of policy and governance Enzo Mingione University of Milano Bicocca Italy This enriching Handbook covers many aspects of the scientific and socio political debates on social innovation today The contributors provide an overview of theoretical perspectives methodologies and instructive experiences from all continents as well as implications for collective action and policy They argue strongly for social innovation as a key to human development The Handbook defines social innovation as innovation in social relations within both micro and macro spheres with the purpose of satisfying unmet or new human needs across different layers of society It connects social innovation to

empowerment dynamics thus giving a political character to social movements and bottom up governance initiatives Together these should lay the foundations for a fairer more democratic society for all This interdisciplinary work written by scholars collaborating to develop a joint methodological perspective toward social innovation agency and processes will be invaluable for students and researchers in social science and humanities It will also appeal to policy makers policy analysts lobbyists and activists seeking to give inspiration and leadership from a social innovation perspective

Beyond Resource Wars

Shlomi Dinar, 2011-03-18 An argument that resource scarcity and environmental degradation can provide an impetus for cooperation among countries Common wisdom holds that the earth's dwindling natural resources and increasing environmental degradation will inevitably lead to inter state conflict and possibly even set off resource wars Many scholars and policymakers have considered the environmental roots of violent conflict and instability but little attention has been paid to the idea that scarcity and degradation may actually play a role in fostering inter state cooperation Beyond Resource Wars fills this gap offering a different perspective on the links between environmental problems and inter state conflict Although the contributors do not deny that resource scarcity and environmental degradation may become sources of contention they argue that these conditions also provide the impetus for cooperation coordination and negotiation between states The book examines aspects of environmental conflict and cooperation in detail across a number of natural resources and issues including oil water climate change ocean pollution and biodiversity conservation The contributors argue that increasing scarcity and degradation generally induce cooperation across states but when conditions worsen and a problem becomes too costly or a resource becomes too scarce cooperation becomes more difficult Similarly low levels of scarcity may discourage cooperation because problems seem less urgent With contributions from scholars in international relations economics and political science Beyond Resource Wars offers a comprehensive and robust investigation of the links among scarcity environmental degradation cooperation and conflict

Decentralization in Environmental Governance

Christian Zuidema, 2016-10-04 Decentralization in Environmental Governance is a critical reflection on the dangers and risks of governance renewal warning against one sided criticism on traditional command and control approaches to planning The book formulates the arguments that support when and how governance renewable might be pursued but this attempt is not just meant for practitioners and scholars interested in governance renewal It is also useful for those interested in the challenge of navigating a plural landscape of diverse planning approaches which are each rooted in contrasting theoretical and philosophical positions The book develops a strategy for making argued choices between alternative planning approaches despite their theoretical and philosophical positions It does so by revitalizing the idea that we can contingently relate alternative planning approaches to the circumstances encountered It is an idea traced to contingency studies of the mid and late 20th century reinterpreted here within a planning landscape dominated by notions of uncertainty complexity and socially constructed knowledge This approach called Post contingency is both a theoretical investigation of arguments

for navigating the theoretical plurality we face and an empirical study into renewing environmental governance Next to its theoretical ambitions Decentralization in Environmental Governance is practical in offering a constructive critique on current processes of governance renewal in European environmental governance Comparative Environmental Politics Jerry McBeath, Jonathan Rosenberg, 2006-07-10 While we cannot hope to provide definitive answers to these questions as political scientists we proceed from the assumption that much can be learned through the application of the existing tools of comparative political analysis Two of the incidents occurred in developing countries one a parliamentary democracy the other a democratizing presidential system and one occurred in a highly developed presidential democracy All three countries are federal systems with multiple layers of environmental regulation although sub national government seems to be better institutionalized and more effective in the United States Only one of the incidents occurred within the sovereign territory of a country with an effective federal environmental protection agency and highly transparent policy and judicial processes None of the three nation states involved has a strong green political party And the affected communities in all three cases remain dissatisfied with the outcomes to varying degrees What can we make of these observations Is there a systematic relationship between them or any other political social cultural or economic factors and the responses to environmental crises by nation states To answer these questions a more systematic analysis of the attendant political processes is needed Only then can we suggest whether hope or despair is a more appropriate reaction 1 2 Global Environmental Issues Since the 1960s environmental issues have entered the agendas of most nation states Pollution of land air and water have endangered ecosystems and public health and called for a governmental response Rediscovering Public Law and Public Administration in Comparative Policy Analysis Stéphane Nahrath, Frédéric Varone, 2009-01-01 Published occasion du 60^e anniversaire du Prof Peter Knoepfel Professeur à l'Institut de hautes études en administration publique IDHEAP

Infrastructure Management, Assessment and Rehabilitation Sherif Yehia, Mahmoud Reda Taha, Akmal Abdelfatah, 2021-11-30 This volume brings together state of the art research on the development of infrastructure management assessment and rehabilitation techniques It sheds light on pioneering work on innovative 3D printed concrete novel methods for assessment of bridge decks and advanced computer vision based maintenance of civil infrastructure The book is essential reading for infrastructure owners engineers and contractors allowing them to gain insights into groundbreaking research that is paving the way toward sustainable and resilient infrastructure The Evolution of National Water Regimes in Europe Stefan Kuks, Ingrid Kissling-Näf, 2013-06-05 All over the world countries struggle with water stress Problems vary from water scarcity and a degrading water quality to floods and a rising sea level due to climate change The European Union adopted a Water Framework Directive to improve the sustainability of water management in its member states Water management should be coordinated at the level of river basins as a whole Interests of various user groups should be better represented River basin visions should take into account the impact of all human activities on the status of

the resource Water legislation needs streamlining and more focus on its implementation The European Union advocates regulating water prices by charging the costs of water services on the basis of full cost recovery and the polluter pays principle This book examines the development of water management in the Netherlands Belgium France Spain Italy and Switzerland It is based on the European research project EUWARENESS The authors apply a theoretical framework for the analysis of institutional regimes water governance and property rights The evolution of national water resource regimes is described over a period of almost 200 years 1800 2000 The long term perspective enables the reader to see the conditions under which regime transformation and paradigm change are made possible The book also includes a critical analysis of policy making by the European Union and a comparative review and analysis of regime development in the six countries involved This book is followed by another volume published with Kluwer Academic Publishers on Integrated Governance and Water Basin Management edited by Hans Bressers and Stefan Kuks

Governance for Drought Resilience Hans Bressers, Nanny Bressers, Corinne Larrue, 2016-05-11 This book presents the findings of a team of scientists and practitioners who have been working on the project Benefits of Governance in Drought Adaptation in short the DROP project which is included in the European Union's INTERREG IVB NWE programme The DROP governance team developed a Governance Assessment Tool GAT which allows the governance setting of a given region for planning and realizing drought adaptation measures to be assessed Based on this assessment recommendations can be developed for regional water authorities concerning how to operate most effectively towards increased drought resilience in this context The GAT has been applied to six regions in Northwest Europe Twente and Salland in the Netherlands Eifel Ruhr in Germany Brittany in France Somerset in the United Kingdom and Flanders in Belgium These regions are subject to drought aspects related to nature agriculture and freshwater This book will aid regional water authorities and other relevant stakeholders interested in governance assessment whether that context is about water more specifically about drought or flooding events or other environmental issues Further the GAT can and has also been applied more broadly to a range of governance contexts for water management and beyond

Water Governance as Connective Capacity Nanny Bressers, 2016-02-11 Water is becoming one of the world's most crucial concerns A third of the world's population has severe water shortage while three quarters of the global population lives in deltas which run the risk of severe flooding In addition many more face problems of poor water quality While it is apparent that drastic action should be taken in reality water problems are complex and not at all easy to resolve There are many stakeholders involved industries local municipalities farmers the recreational sector environmental organisations and others who all approach the problems and possible solutions differently This requires delicate ways of governing multi actor processes This book approaches the concept of water management from an interdisciplinary and non technical but governance orientation It departs from the fragmented nature of water management showing how these lack cooperation joint responsibility and integration and instead argues that the capacity to connect to other domains levels scales

organizations and actors is of utmost importance Connective capacity revolves around connecting arrangements such as institutions actors for instance individuals and approaches such as instruments These three carriers of connectedness can be applied to different focal points the objects of fragmentation and integration in water management The book distinguishes five different focal points 1 government layers and levels 2 sectors and domains 3 time orientation of the long and the short term 4 perceptions and actor frames 5 public and private spheres Each contributor pays attention to a specific combination of one focal point and one connective carrier Bringing together case studies from countries including The Netherlands United Kingdom Romania Sweden Finland Italy India Canada and the United States the book focuses on the question of how to deal with the various sources of fragmentation in water governance by organizing meaningful connections and developing connective capacity In doing so it provides useful scientific and practical insights into how connective capacity in water governance can be enhanced

Handbook on Planning and Complexity Gert de Roo, Claudia Yamu, Christian Zuidema, 2020-06-26 This Handbook shows the enormous impetus given to the scientific debate by linking planning as a science of purposeful interventions and complexity as a science of spontaneous change and non linear development Emphasising the importance of merging planning and complexity this comprehensive Handbook also clarifies key concepts and theories presents examples on planning and complexity and proposes new ideas and methods which emerge from synthesising the discipline of spatial planning with complexity sciences

Governance for Justice and Environmental Sustainability Merle Sowman, Rachel Wynberg, 2014-02-24 Understanding the governance of complex social ecological systems is vital in a world faced with rapid environmental change conflicts over dwindling natural resources stark disparities between rich and poor and the crises of sustainability Improved understanding is also essential to promote governance approaches that are underpinned by justice and equity principles and that aim to reduce inequality and benefit the most marginalised sectors of society This book is concerned with enhancing the understanding of governance in relation to social justice and environmental sustainability across a range of natural resource sectors in Sub Saharan Africa By examining governance across various sectors it reveals the main drivers that influence the nature of governance the principles and norms that shape it as well as the factors that constrain or enable achievement of justice and sustainability outcomes The book also illuminates the complex relationships that exist between various governance actors at different scales and the reality and challenge of plural legal systems in much of Sub Saharan Africa The book comprises 16 chapters 12 of them case studies recounting experiences in the forest wildlife fisheries conservation mining and water sectors of diverse countries Madagascar Zimbabwe Botswana Namibia South Africa Zambia Mozambique Sierra Leone and Cameroon Through insights from these studies the book seeks to draw lessons from the praxis of natural resource governance in Sub Saharan Africa and to contribute to debates on how governance can be strengthened and best configured to meet the needs of the poor in a way that is both socially just and ecologically sustainable

Bilateral Ecopolitics Philippe Le Prestre, Peter Stoett, 2017-05-15 The

context in which environmental policy decision making occurs has changed resulting from widening environmental problems increased demands from groups and citizens continuing pressure on the continent's resources and normative shifts The complexity of current issues is related to an even broader contextual shift the globalization of environmental issues exacerbated by trade liberalization especially on a regional level and the potential contradictions between trade and the environmental international agenda that this implies This volume studies the new dimensions of resource conflict between Canada and the United States accounting for the emergence of new bilateral environmental issues and detailing how trade liberalization has fostered both disputes and policy convergence It also examines the recent shifts in America towards a unilateral foreign policy and how this affects active Canadian diplomacy Ideal as a resource tool for students and academics this book will be a key resource in the areas of global governance US Canadian foreign policy and environmental policy

Regional Comparisons in Comparative Policy Analysis Studies Iris Geva-May, B. Guy Peters, Joselyn

Muhleisen, 2020-06-29 Volume Three of the Classics of Comparative Policy Analysis contains chapters concerned with Regional Comparisons and Policy Analysis one of the most prevailing approaches in comparative public policy Through the prism of inter jurisdiction comparisons of similarities and variations they address comparisons in specific policy sectors governance or institutional constructs and political regimes The foci are nevertheless on those comparisons between countries or regions which help to lesson draw by identifying and understanding the variation in policy analysis and policy making that exists within or across regions One benefit of regional comparisons is that it often allows studies to hold constant many variables ranging from colonial legacy to federal systems or from language to specific traditions and more effectively isolate dependent variables Regional organizations like the Organization for Economic Co operation and Development OECD or European Union are also considered as catalysts for regional policy approaches and harmonization and occupy a major role in this volume The chapters address a broad and diverse number of countries and geographical areas Latin America North America East Asia Southeast Asia Southern Africa the Baltic states the Nordic states Western Europe Central Europe Eastern Europe and Europe as a whole Regional Comparisons and Policy Analysis will be of great interest to scholars and learners of public policy and social sciences as well as to practitioners considering what can be learned or facilitated through methodologically and theoretically sound approaches The chapters were originally published as articles in the Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis which in the last two decades has pioneered the development of comparative public policy The volume is part of a four volume series the Classics of Comparative Policy Analysis including Theories and Methods Institutions and Governance Regional Comparisons and Policy Sectors Each volume showcases a different new chapter comparing domains of study interrelated with comparative public policy political science public administration governance and policy design authored by the JCPA co editors Giliberto Capano Iris Geva May Michael Howlett Leslie A Pal and B Guy Peters

Forest and Labor in Madagascar Genese Marie Sodikoff, 2012-10-17 A study of

the demands of economic development and ecological conservation on the African island country. Protecting the unique plants and animals that live on Madagascar while fueling economic growth has been a priority for the Malagasy state, international donors and conservation NGOs since the late 1980s. *Forest and Labor in Madagascar* shows how poor rural workers who must make a living from the forest balance their needs with the desire of the state to earn foreign revenue from ecotourism and forest based enterprises. Genese Marie Sodikoff examines how the appreciation and protection of Madagascar's biodiversity depend on manual labor. She exposes the moral dilemmas workers face as both conservation representatives and peasant farmers by pointing to the hidden costs of ecological conservation. Sodikoff takes us deep into the underbelly of conservation in one of the world's biodiversity hot spots. It is a world of timber barons, logging gangs, corrupt state functionaries, international conservation experts, worker peasants and poachers. She paints eastern Madagascar as a frontier of dispossession, exploitation and violence. The plundering of the Mananara protected area is seen in a brilliantly original way from the subaltern vantage point of forest workers and conservation labor. *Forest and Labor* places present day conservation on the larger canvas of a century of forest based social relations of labor that have entered into the making of what Sodikoff calls neoliberal conservation. It is a magnificently rich historical and ethnographic accounting of what passes as the making of global biosphere reserves. A tour de force. Michael Watts, UC Berkeley. An important and lively contribution to the study of green neoliberalism. An obvious choice for undergraduate teaching on ecology, rights, international political economy, development and a host of other topics. David Graeber, University of London. Brings a whole new angle and nuance to the crucial debates over conservation and development. Applicable not just to lush humid eastern Madagascar but all around the globe. Christian Kull, Monash University. Those interested in conservation, tropical rainforest ecology, international political economy and sustainable development will find *Forest and Labor in Madagascar* an insightful case study. Choice

Rights of Forest Dwellers Through the lens of Forest Conservation Laws in India Aditya Shekhar, 2023-11-04. This book is written with a view to provide readers with a comprehensive guide to the jurisprudence of forest laws in India. The book analyses, discusses and documents every socially relevant piece of legislation governing forests in India. It traces the history of environmental jurisprudence, giving a panoramic view to the existent legislations in India, their coming into being in light of the international developments. The authors discuss the right to environment as a human right while simultaneously emphasising on the right to nature itself. Forests have assumed a significant position in India's drive for ecological sustainability. The judges take an active part in the promotion and development of globally recognised concepts of sustainable development outside government initiatives, a part of Indian environmental conservation framework. Moreover, giving forest sustainability its due importance, the Courts have contributed significantly by discussing the contribution of forests in the developmental process and bringing the issue of sustained use of the forest resource to the fore. Judgments have been delivered highlighting the need for sustained growth practices which compensate for the forest loss and emphasize again

and again on the need to conserve and maintain forests Therefore the book also embarks upon the judicial pronouncements and their role in exhibiting the rights of forest dwellers via judicial trajectory of these laws **Water Governance, Policy and Knowledge Transfer** Cheryl De Boer,Joanne Vinke-de Kruijf,Gül Özerol,Hans Th. A. Bressers,2013-05-29 In an increasingly global community of researchers and practitioners new technologies and communication means have made the transfer of policies from one country or region to another progressively more prevalent There has been a lot of attention in the field of public administration paid to policy transfer and institutional transplantation This book aims to create a better understanding of such transfers in the water management sector These include the adoption of modern water management concepts such as integrated water resources management and forms of water governance which are strongly promoted and sometimes also imposed by various international organizations Transfers also occur within the scope of development aid or for the purpose of creating business opportunities In addition many research organisations consultancies and governmental agencies are involved in cross border work The purpose of this book is therefore to present practical examples of the transfer of modern water management from one locality to another and to critically discuss the transferability of policy and governance concepts by analysing the contextual needs and factors Case studies are included from North America Europe the Middle East and Asia It is argued that in many cases context matters in water management and that there is no panacea or universal concept that can be applied to all countries or regions with different political economic cultural and technological contexts Yet it is also shown that some countries are facing pressing and similar water management issues that cut across national borders and hence the transfer of knowledge may be beneficial Designing Government F. Pearl Eliadis,Margaret M. Hill,Michael Howlett,2005 This collection of readings examines the tools used by today s government to achieve legitimacy effectiveness and accountability The contributors examine the instrument choice perspective on government and public policy over the past two decades moving beyond the preoccupation with deregulation and efficiency to trace the complex relationships between instrument choices and governance Readers are encouraged to consider factors in the design of complex mixes such as issues of redundancy context the rule of law and accountability These latter factors are especially central in today s world to the design and implementation of effective instrument choices by governments and ultimately to good governance The authors conclude that instrument choice itself is integral to government and governance

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