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Across diverse topics and perspectives, these chapters amount to a wide-ranging survey of current research, making the *International Handbook* an indispensable reference for scholars and students in political ecology.

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