



## Sustainable Management of the Earth System

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Since the advent of the Anthropocene, globalization has turned the issue of sustainability more and more into a planetary-scale problem, playing out in a “World–Earth system” that consists of both social and natural subsystems which interact strongly on several time-scales. Short- and long-term sustainable management, governance, and stewardship of Earth thus require systemic, interdisciplinary approaches, based on new kinds of models that take seriously not only the complex, nonlinear, and networked nature of the system, but also the reality of the global political economy, basic sociopsychological insights, and the conflicting interests and differing levels of agency and responsibility of agents at different institutionalized levels of decision-making and of different generations, cultures, and social strata.





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