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When Things Become Property examines postsocialist land and forest reforms in Albania, Romania and Vietnam, finding that property reforms are not miracle tools available to governments for refashioning economies, politics or environments.

Thomas Sikor was Professor of Environment and Development at the University of East Anglia in the United Kingdom.

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Diana Mishkova has been the Director, since 2000, of the Centre for Advanced Study Sofia.

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Cases of Local Activism and Environmental Innovation Around the World
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“This new edited volume provides an innovative, empirically driven perspective on controversial facilities that will be of interest to many scholars, decision makers, and residents around the world. The volume’s international perspective helps make its conclusions convincing and robust and it rests on a well developed set of theories and hypotheses.” - Daniel P. Aldrich, Purdue University

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Edited by Fausto Sarmiento and Sarah Hitchner

“This volume has multidisciplinary implications, and includes geographers, cultural anthropologists, and archaeologists, as well as the leader of an indigenous group as authors. This book will be an excellent complement to other existing texts in the field of ecological anthropology.” - William Balée, Tulane University

This important contribution presents current research in the political ecology of indigenous revival and its role in nature conservation of sacred natural sites in the Americas. The book explores how struggles for land, rights, and political power are embedded within physical landscapes, and how indigenous identity is reformed as globalizing forces simultaneously threaten and promote the notion of indigeneity.

Fausto Sarmiento is full professor in Geography, adjunct in International Affairs and courtesy faculty in Ecology at the University of Georgia, where he also served as co-Director, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and Director, Office of International Education.

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Malagasy and Swiss Imaginations of One Another
Eva Keller

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This ethnography examines how the cooperation between a national park in Madagascar and a Swiss zoo is perceived by ordinary people at either end. One view focuses on power and history, the other on morality and progress. Nature conservation therefore widens the gap between people in the North and South.

Eva Keller has been carrying out anthropological research in Madagascar since 1998 and is currently a research fellow at the Department of Social Research at the University of Zurich.

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An Appraisal from the Gulf Region
Edited by Paul Sillitoe

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Paul Sillitoe is Professor of Anthropology at Durham University and former Shell Chair in Sustainable Development at Qatar University.

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Environmental Knowledge in the Northeast Kula Ring
Frederick H. Damon

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Trees, Knots and Outriggers is the culmination of twenty-five years of work by Frederick H. Damon and his attention to cultural adaptations to the environment in Melanesia. Damon details the intricacies of indigenous knowledge and practice in his sweeping synthesis of symbolic and structuralist anthropology with recent developments in historical ecology.

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A Biosocial Approach
Edited by Catherine M. Hill, Amanda D. Webber and Nancy E. C. Priston

“This timely volume is a must read for students, academics, researchers, and conservation practitioners and wildlife managers. It not only aims to raise awareness of the human-human conflict dimensions that often underlie or aggravate people-wildlife co-existence, but provides readers with useful approaches in addressing these.” - Tatyana Humle, University of Kent

Conflicts about wildlife are usually portrayed as resulting from the negative impacts of wildlife on human livelihoods or property. However, deeper analysis reveals that these conflicts are often better understood as people-people conflicts. Understanding Conflicts About Wildlife unites academics and practitioners to consider the political and social dimensions of ‘human-wildlife conflicts’.

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Stuart Marks was Professor of Anthropology and Environmental Sciences at St. Andrews College, Laurinburg, N.C (1970-1983).

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The Forest People without a Forest
Development Paradoxes, Belonging and Participation of the Baka in East Cameroon
Glory M. Lueong

Development interventions often generate contradictions around questions of who benefits from development and which communities are targeted for intervention. This book examines how the Baka, who live in Eastern Cameroon, assert forms of belonging in order to participate in development interventions, and how community life is shaped and reshaped through these interventions. Often referred to as ‘forest people’, the Baka have witnessed many recent development interventions that include competing and contradictory policies such as ‘civilize’, assimilate and integrate the Baka into ‘full citizenship’, conserve the forest and wildlife resources, and preserve indigenous cultures at the verge of extinction.

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Living on Thin Ice
The Gwich’in Natives of Alaska
Steven C. Dinero

“The book is an excellent presentation of multidisciplinary methods focused steadily on the people and on their perceptions of what is going on. Most interesting for the future is that the internet may be the way to keep members of the Gwich’in diaspora connected to the village and their ‘Gwich’inness’…” - Highly Recommended. All academic levels/libraries.” - Choice

Using quantitative and qualitative data gathered since the turn of the millennium, this volume offers an interdisciplinary evaluation of social and economic changes amongst the Gwich’in Natives of Alaska.

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Edited by P. Wenzel Geissler and Catherine Molyneux

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Drawing on rich, ethnographic and historiographic material, this volume represents the emergent field of anthropological inquiry that links Africanist ethnography to recent concerns with science, the state, and the culture of late capitalism in Africa.

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People, Money and Power in the Economic Crisis
Perspectives from the Global South
Edited by Keith Hart and John Sharp

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Keith Hart is a co-director of the Human Economy Program at the University of Pretoria and Centennial Professor of Economic Anthropology at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

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The Good Holiday
Development, Tourism and the Politics of Benevolence in Mozambique
João Afonso Baptista

“This book makes an important contribution to critical studies of tourism, and the growing corpus on Mozambican Studies as well as – and this is perhaps its most important contribution – adding significantly to analyses of consumerism and its ethical, economic and political dimensions.” - Bjorn Enge Bertelsen, University of Bergen

Drawing on ethnographic research in the village of Canhane, host to the first community tourism project in Mozambique, this volume explores the influence of development and tourism in relation to ethics, and non-state governance in contemporary life.

João Afonso Baptista is a Research Fellow at the Institute of Ethnology in the University of Hamburg and at the Institute of Social Sciences in the University of Lisbon.

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The State and the Grassroots
Immigrant Transnational Organizations in Four Continents
Edited by Alejandro Portes and Patricia Fernández-Kelly

“The State and the Grassroots makes an important contribution. It will be of interest to all scholars and students of all levels concerned with international migration. Select chapters would be appropriate for undergraduate course adoption.” - Contemporary Sociology

Whereas most of the literature on migration focuses on individuals and their families, this book studies the organizations created by immigrants to protect themselves in their receiving states. Comparing eighteen of these grassroots organizations formed across the world, researchers focus on the internal structure and activities of these organizations as they relate to developmental initiatives.

Alejandro Portes is Howard Harrison and Gabrielle Snyder Beck Professor of Sociology (Emeritus) at Princeton University, Founding Director of Princeton’s Center for Migration and Development, and Research Professor at the University of Miami.

Patricia Fernández-Kelly is Senior Lecturer in Sociology and Research Associate of the Office for Population Research at Princeton University.

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"'City of the Future' is definitely understudied, as are Arctic urban studies in general. Therefore the focus of this volume is timely and well chosen." · Florian Stammer, University of Lapland

Urban areas in Arctic Russia are experiencing unprecedented social and ecological change. This collection outlines the key challenges that city managers will face in navigating this shifting political, economic, social, and environmental terrain.

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Elusive Promises
Planning in the Contemporary World
Edited by Simone Abram and Gisa Weszkalnys

"This is a much needed contribution by anthropologists to a sustained and broad treatment of planning as a socio-cultural process, utilizing multiple case studies from multiple perspectives and theoretical frames. Some very insightful analyses can be found in the chapters, particularly regarding the vast differences between places and people around the world, and their efforts to organize reality through what would commonly, but perhaps inaccurately, be subsumed under the term ‘planning.’" · Juris Milestone, Temple University

Planning in contemporary democratic states is often understood as a range of activities, from housing to urban design, regional development to economic planning. This volume sees planning differently—as the negotiation of possibilities that time offers space. It explores what kind of promise planning offers, how such a promise is made, and what happens to it through time. The authors, all leading anthropologists, examine the time and space, creativity and agency, authority and responsibility, and conflicting desires that plans attempt to control.

Simone Abram is Reader at both Durham University and Leeds Met University, and has worked in interdisciplinary planning departments at Sheffield and Cardiff Universities.

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