Ecological Psychology: Concepts and Methods For Studying The Environment Of Human Behavior

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Environmental sustainability is a key issue for human societies throughout the 21st century's world. All countries need to secure sufficient quality in the short and the long term of natural resources, ecosystems, and the diversity of plant and animal species, including the human living environment. The author identifies several long-term trends in the environmental impact of human evolution, viz. clearing of more and more natural vegetation for human settlement, increasing separation of human communities from the natural environment, growing technical efficiency and capacity, more intense use of raw materials and fossil energy sources, and proliferation of transport infrastructure and vehicles. "Environment and Behavior Studies" presents the intellectual histories of thirteen first-generation researchers and designers of this problem-focused field. The development of their ideas, the streams of their thinking and work over the years, and the twists and turns in their intellectual development are all made salient, as the compendium creates a sample of the heterogeneity comprising the discipline. Several contributions are research and theory oriented, summarizing the development of basic knowledge and concepts. Other chapters translate basic research