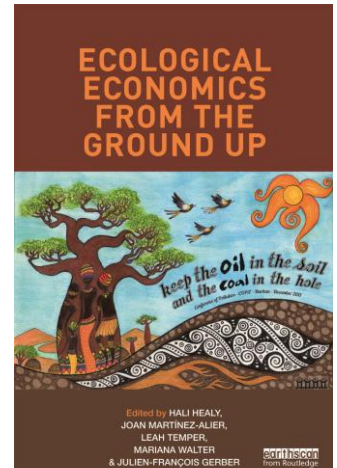


# Ecological Economics from the Ground Up

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'This book represents one serious effort by an international group of researchers, under the direction of one of the finest ecological economists of our time - Professor Joan Martínez-Alier, to enrich and validate the approaches, frameworks and methods of ecological economics. This has been done in a true tradition of interdisciplinarity, with the application of a range of innovative approaches, from social metabolic accounting to valuation to participation. This book represents a truly remarkable effort and will be a delight to read for practitioners in and outside of academic life.'

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'The editors of *Ecological Economics from the Ground Up* are to be congratulated for this path-breaking initiative. In this pioneering example of what the European Commission calls 'co-operative research', the authors have genuinely succeeded in articulating very positively a diversity of often-conflicting disciplinary and societal perspectives around pressing social and environmental policy challenges around the world.'

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## About the book

This book takes a unique and much-needed bottom-up approach to teaching ecological economics, using case studies that focus on a wide range of internationally relevant topics, to teach the principles, concepts and tools of ecological economics and political ecology. Existing introductory books on ecological economics are oriented toward graduate level students with previous training in economics. They are also organized from first principles with emphasis on theory. This book evolved out of a desire to address the absence of learning materials grounded in real-life situations. As such it is based on the experience of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), with case studies chosen by CSOs and developed collaboratively with leading ecological economists. The case studies are accompanied by a glossary also written with significant CSO input. *Ecological Economics from the Ground Up* has been designed to be an accessible learning aid for students of the sustainability sciences and for those CSOs that have recognised the value that ecological economics and political ecology tools and methods hold for their research and advocacy work.

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