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The Ecological Transition John W. Bennett, 2017-09-29 Written during the height of the ecology movement *The Ecological Transition* is a stunning interdisciplinary work It combines anthropology ecology and sociology to formulate an understanding of cultural environmental relationships While anthropologists have been studying relationships between humans and the physical environment for a very long time only in the last thirty years have questions inherent in these relationships broadened beyond description and classification For example the concept of environment has been extended beyond the physical into the social Although anthropologists have adopted many of the concepts that Bennett develops in the book he also feels that the central issues have never been addressed either by anthropologists or by people in related disciplines The most important of these in Bennett's opinion is the failure to incorporate a respect for the environmental in contemporary culture which would allow making exceptions in certain human practices in order to protect the environment His point in *The Ecological Transition* is that a basic cultural change in modern civilization is necessary to achieve this end Both a theoretical and a practical work *The Ecological Transition* emphasizes the relationships between human culture the physical environment technology and social policy *The Ecological Transition* is a challenging volume that makes us face the consequences of human behavior in the modern world its effect on pollution natural resources agriculture the economy and population to name just a few areas The book remains a significant contribution to the discourse on social economic and environmental problems While the book was first published in 1976 it still reads as a contemporary tract

The Ecological Transition John William Bennett, 1976-01-01 *Ecology and Human Adaptation* William A. Stini, 1975 **Evolving Human Nutrition** Stanley J. Ulijaszek, Neil Mann, Sarah Elton, 2012-10-18 Exploration of changing human nutrition from evolutionary and social perspectives and its influence on health and disease past and present

The Social Science Encyclopedia Adam Kuper, 2003-12-16 The *Social Science Encyclopedia* first published in 1985 to acclaim from social scientists librarians and students was thoroughly revised in 1996 when reviewers began to describe it as a classic This third edition has been radically recast Over half the entries are new or have been entirely rewritten and most of the balance have been substantially revised Written by an international team of contributors the *Encyclopedia* offers a global perspective on the key issues within the social sciences Some 500 entries cover a variety of enduring and newly vital areas of study and research methods Experts review theoretical debates from neo evolutionism and rational choice theory to poststructuralism and address the great questions that cut across the social sciences What is the influence of genes on behaviour What is the nature of consciousness and cognition What are the causes of poverty and wealth What are the roots of conflict wars revolutions and genocidal violence This authoritative reference work is aimed at anyone with a serious interest in contemporary academic thinking about the individual in society

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Capturing the Commons James M. Acheson, 2014-08-26 One of the most pressing concerns of environmentalists and policy makers is the overexploitation of natural resources Efforts to regulate such resources are too often undermined by the people whose livelihoods depend on their use One of the great challenges for wildlife managers in the twenty first century is learning to create the conditions under which people will erect effective and workable rules to conserve those resources James M Acheson author of the best selling *Lobster Gangs of Maine* the seminal work on the culture and economics of lobster fishing here turns his attention to the management of the lobster industry In this illuminating new book he shows that resource degradation is not inevitable Indeed the Maine lobster fishery is one of the most successful fisheries in the world Catches have been stable since World War II and record highs have been achieved since the late 1980s According to Acheson these high catches are due in part to the institutions generated by the lobster fishing industry to control fishing practices These rules are effective Rational choice theory frames Acheson's down to earth study Rational choice theorists believe that the overexploitation of marine resources stems from their common pool nature which results in collective action problems In fisheries what is rational for the individual fishermen can lead to disaster for the society The progressive Maine lobster industry lobster fishermen and local groups have solved a series of such problems by creating three different sets of regulations informal territorial rules rules to control the number of traps and formal conservation legislation In recent years the industry has successfully influenced new regulations at the federal level and has developed a strong co management system with the Maine government The process of developing these rules has been quite acrimonious factions of fishermen have disagreed over lobster rules designed to give commercial advantage to one group or another Although fishermen and scientists have come to share a conservation ethic they often disagree over how to best conserve the lobster and even the quality of science The importance of *Capturing the Commons* is twofold it provides a case study of the management of one highly successful fishery which can serve as a management model for policy makers

politicians and local communities and it adds to the body of theory concerning the conditions under which people will and will not devise institutions to manage natural resources *The Monkeys of Stormy Mountain* Jean-Baptiste Leca, Michael A. Huffman, Paul L. Vasey, 2012-01-19 The Arashiyama group of Japanese macaques holds a distinguished place in primatology as one of the longest continuously studied non human primate populations in the world The resulting long term data provide a unique resource for researchers allowing them to move beyond cross sectional studies to tackle larger issues involving individual matrilineal and group histories This book presents an overview of the scope and magnitude of research topics and management efforts that have been conducted on this population for several decades covering not only the original troop living around Kyoto Japan but also the two subgroups that were translocated to Texas USA and Montreal Canada The chapters encompass topics including life history sexual social and cultural behaviour and ecology giving an insight into the range of current primatological research The contributors underscore the historic value of the Arashiyama macaques and showcase new and significant research findings that highlight their continuing importance to primatology Human Adaptation in the Asian Palaeolithic Ryan J. Rabett, 2012-08-27 This book examines the first human colonization of Asia and particularly the tropical environments of Southeast Asia during the Upper Pleistocene In studying the unique character of the Asian archaeological record it reassesses long accepted propositions about the development of human modernity Ryan J Rabett reveals an evolutionary relationship between colonization the challenges encountered during this process especially in relation to climatic and environmental change and the forms of behaviour that emerged This book argues that human modernity is not something achieved in the remote past in one part of the world but rather is a diverse flexible responsive and ongoing process of adaptation *Late Quaternary Environments of the United States* Herbert Edgar Wright, Stephen C. Porter, 1983 **Subject Catalog** Library of Congress, *Transitions Before the Transition* Erella Hovers, Steven Kuhn, 2007-01-06 Modern human origins and the fate of the Neanderthals are arguably the most compelling and contentious arenas in paleoanthropology The much discussed split between advocates of a single early emergence of anatomically modern humans in sub Saharan Africa and supporters of various regional continuity positions is only part of the picture Equally if not more important are questions surrounding the origins of modern behavior and the relationships between anatomical and behavioral changes that occurred during the past 200 000 years Although modern humans as a species may be defined in terms of their skeletal anatomy it is their behavior and the social and cognitive structures that support that behavior which most clearly distinguish *Homo sapiens* from earlier forms of humans This book assembles researchers working in Eurasia and Africa to discuss the archaeological record of the Middle Paleolithic and the Middle Stone Age This is a time period when *Homo sapiens* last shared the world with other species and during which patterns of behavior characteristic of modern humans developed and coalesced Contributions to this volume query and challenge some current notions about the tempo and mode of cultural evolution and about the processes that underlie the emergence of modern

behavior The papers focus on several fundamental questions Do typical elements of modern human behavior appear suddenly or are there earlier archaeological precursors of them Are the archaeological records of the Middle Paleolithic and Middle Stone Age unchanging and monotonous or are there detectable evolutionary trends within these periods Coming to diverse conclusions the papers in this volume open up new avenues to thinking about this crucial interval in human evolutionary history Comparative Primate Socioecology P. C. Lee, Phyllis C. Lee, 2001-07-19 Methodologies as applied to recent primate research that will provide new approaches to comparative research **The Lifeways of Hunter-Gatherers** Robert L. Kelly, 2013-04-15 In this book Robert L Kelly challenges the preconceptions that hunter gatherers were Paleolithic relics living in a raw state of nature instead crafting a position that emphasizes their diversity and downplays attempts to model the original foraging lifeway or to use foragers to depict human nature stripped to its core Kelly reviews the anthropological literature for variation among living foragers in terms of diet mobility sharing land tenure technology exchange male female relations division of labor marriage descent and political organization Using the paradigm of human behavioral ecology he analyzes the diversity in these areas and seeks to explain rather than explain away variability and argues for an approach to prehistory that uses archaeological data to test theory rather than one that uses ethnographic analogy to reconstruct the past

Library of Congress Catalogs Library of Congress, 1978 *Culture, Biology, and Anthropological Demography* Eric Abella Roth, 2004-08-16 Two distinctive approaches to the study of human demography exist within anthropology today anthropological demography and human evolutionary ecology The first stresses the role of culture in determining population parameters while the second posits that demographic rates reflect adaptive behaviors that are the products of natural selection Both sub disciplines have achieved notable successes but each has ignored and been actively disdainful of the other This text attempts a rapprochement of anthropological demography and human evolutionary ecology through recognition of common research topics and the construction of a broad theoretical framework incorporating both cultural and biological motivation Both these approaches are utilized to search for demographic strategies in varied cultural and temporal contexts ranging from African pastoralists through North American post industrial societies As such this book is relevant to cultural and biological anthropologists demographers sociologists and historians *Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature* Bron Taylor, 2008-06-10 The Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature originally published in 2005 is a landmark work in the burgeoning field of religion and nature It covers a vast and interdisciplinary range of material from thinkers to religious traditions and beyond with clarity and style Widely praised by reviewers and the recipient of two reference work awards since its publication see www.religionandnature.com/ern this new more affordable version is a must have book for anyone interested in the manifold and fascinating links between religion and nature in all their many senses **Modern Geography** Gary S. Dunbar, 2016-02-05 This book charts the developments in the discipline of geography from the 1950s to the 1980s examining how geography now connects with urban regional and national planning and impacts on areas such as

medicine transport agricultural development and electoral reform The book also discusses how technical and theoretical advancements have generated a renewed sense of philosophic reflection a concern closely linked with the critical examination and development of social theory **Bioarchaeology** Debra L. Martin,Ryan P. Harrod,Ventura R. Pérez,2013-03-15 Bioarchaeology is the analysis of human remains within an interpretative framework that includes contextual information This comprehensive and much needed manual provides both a starting point and a reference for archaeologists bioarchaeologists and others working in this integrative field The authors cover a range of bioarchaeological methods and theory including Ethical issues involved in dealing with human remains Theoretical approaches in bioarchaeology Techniques in taphonomy and bone analysis Lab and forensic techniques for skeletal analysis Best practices for excavation techniques Special applications in bioarchaeology With case studies from bioarchaeological research the authors integrate theoretical and methodological discussion with a wide range of field studies from different geographic areas time periods and data types to demonstrate the full scope of this important field of study

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