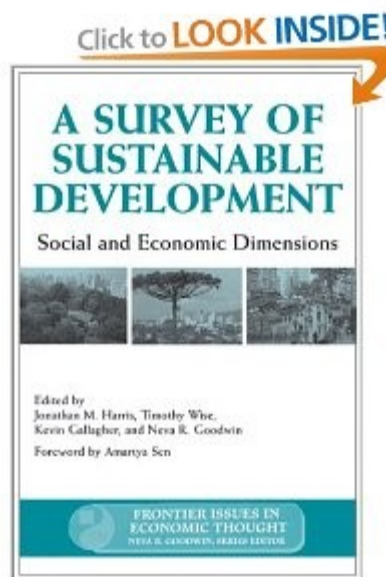


A Survey of Sustainable Development: Social And Economic Dimensions

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Perpetual economic growth is physically impossible on a planet with finite resources. Many concerned with humanity's future have focused on the concept of "sustainable development" as an alternative, as they seek means of achieving current economic and social goals without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own goals. Sustainable development brings together elements of economics, public policy, sociology, ecology, resource management, and other related areas, and while the term has become quite popular, it is rarely defined, and even less often is it understood.

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- economic and social dimensions of sustainable development
- the North/South balance
- population and the demographic transition
- agriculture and renewable resources

- energy and materials use
- globalisation and corporate responsibility
- local and national strategies

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