

Water Policy Entrepreneurs

A Research Companion to Water Transitions around the Globe

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'This volume is a major achievement. It advances our knowledge of stability and change in water policy through case studies from around the world. Its focus on "transitions" – instances of really major shifts in policy – is particularly welcome at a time when challenges such as climate change force water policy makers to reconsider the very foundations of their regulatory frameworks and infrastructural policies. The volume goes beyond water policy, however. It makes a major contribution to the study of policy dynamics in general by offering an empirically-grounded comparative analysis of policy entrepreneurs as change agents in policy networks. There has been much loose talk about policy entrepreneurs in the fields of public administration and public policy, but a dearth of empirical work underpinning the various claims made. This volume goes a long way towards filling that gap. Highly recommended – for water experts and policy scientists alike.'

– Paul 't Hart, Australian National University, Australia and Utrecht University, The Netherlands

This major new volume focuses on the role of policy entrepreneurs in global water management. Adopting an international comparative perspective, the authors explore water policy change in fifteen countries and reveal the strategies employed by entrepreneurs to facilitate improvements in policy.

By presenting an overview of recent developments in EU and global water policy management alongside in-depth country studies, it is evident that many successful transitions are both initiated and implemented by groups of individuals and organizations. Illustrating the strategies used to affect change, the book goes on to highlight the framing and reframing of policy issues, the use of pilot projects, the exploitation of windows of opportunity and venue shopping.

This book will not only make a unique contribution to the current literature on transition management, but will also prove an invaluable tool for those keen to influence water policy management at the regional, national and international level. It will be of great interest to students and scholars of water resources and environmental management and governance, as well as practitioners in the fields of water and climate policy.

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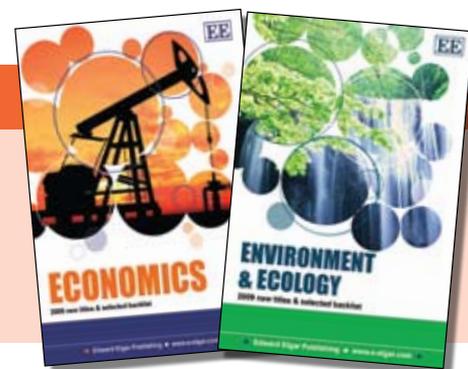
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