

Reflexive Governance For Sustainable Development

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'Innovations are introduced in the hope that they will have positive impacts on their targets, but also in the certain knowledge that there will be negative and unintended effects as well. In time, these less desired effects may also come to generate innovative and adaptive responses in a continuous, "reflexive" process. This book sets out to analyse the consequences for sustainability research and policy analysis. This collection, by many of the leading thinkers in the field, blends sophisticated theoretical discussion with practical perspectives on how to deal with the conundrum – the only thing certain about the future is that you'll be wrong about it!' – Frans Berkhout, Vrije University, The Netherlands

This book deals with the issue of sustainable development in a novel and innovative way. It examines the governance implications of reflexive modernisation – the condition that societal development is endangered by its own side-effects. With conceptualising reflexive governance the book leads a way out of endless quarrels about the definition of sustainability and into a new mode of collective action.

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