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### *What Next for Sustainable Development?*

#### *Our Common Future at Thirty.*

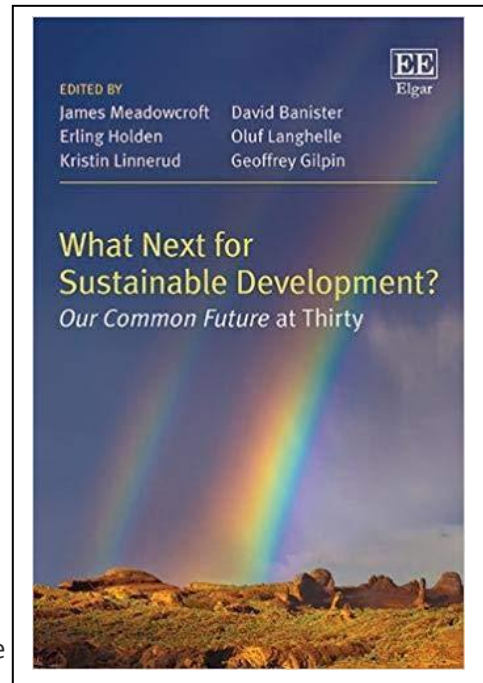
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Sustainable development brings together a series of normative themes related to negotiating environmental limits, to addressing equity, needs and development, and to the process of transformation and transition. To mark the 30th Anniversary of *Our Common Future* (1987), that first placed sustainable development on the global agenda, the editors have brought together a group of international scholars from a range of social science backgrounds.

They have discussed these same themes looking backwards in terms of what has been achieved, assessing the current situation with respect to sustainable development, and looking forward to identify the key elements of the future agenda. This book presents a series of critical reflections on these enduring themes. The overriding concern is with the present and with the question: What next for sustainable development?



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### Global Environmental Change

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#### Sustainable development: *Our Common Future* revisited

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No clear definition of sustainable development exists to guide politicians in solving challenges at the global or regional levels. Rather, the concept's use has increasingly reflected socially desirable attributes of solutions to local- and project-level problems, but these ignore the global challenges that the concept was meant to address.