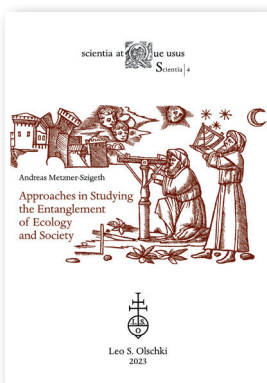


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## APPROACHES IN STUDYING THE ENTANGLEMENT OF ECOLOGY AND SOCIETY

Be it resource depletion, environmental pollution, land-use conflicts, man-made or natural disasters, health risks and epidemics, loss of biodiversity, global warming... or other issues: coping with isolated crises, no matter how committed, is doomed to failure. Their essential difficulty would be missed without paying attention to their networked characteristics and system dynamics. The same applies to studying their perception and response within society: it is indispensable to take into account the variety of mechanisms structuring how they are differentially framed and processed in discourses, institutions and communication systems. When figuring out countermeasures or transformation strategies something simi-



lar must be observed: both need to address quite different clusters and depend on exploiting multiple sources of knowledge. Consequently, we need to mobilize scientific practice as an interdisciplinary team, by making use of diverse competences to elaborate distinct contributions without losing sight of the common task. So, what are the selective strengths and comparative advantages of separate approaches? In which ways may it be possible to combine them? This volume comprises a series of texts addressing these questions. They can be read individually, but as a whole they represent a synergizing intellectual development; thus, they offer benefits to all those interested in integrative studies.

*Attraverso un'analisi delle caratteristiche di interrelazione e delle dinamiche integrate delle crisi del mondo moderno, il presente volume si sofferma sulla loro percezione e sulla risposta suscitata nella società: secondo l'autore, non si può prescindere dalla varietà dei meccanismi che strutturano il modo in cui esse vengono differenzialmente inquadrati ed elaborati nei discorsi, nelle istituzioni e nei sistemi di comunicazione. In tal senso, questa raccolta di contributi mira a mobilitare la pratica scientifica in chiave di gruppo, individuando le strategie di trasformazione in una prospettiva interdisciplinare.*

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