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River Control in India
Spatial, Governmental and Subjective Dimensions

LARGE river systems throughout the planet have been dramatically transformed due to river control projects such as large dams and embankments. Unlike other major human impacts like anthropogenic climate change, the alteration of river systems has been deliberate and planned by a small, powerful set of experts. Taking India as a case study, this book examines the way experts transform the planet through their discourse by their advocacy of river projects. This book identifies the spatial aspects of the norms through which the ideal river and the deficient river in need of control are produced. The role of governmental rationality in explaining the seemingly irrational and counter-productive effects of large projects like Kosi river embankments is considered.

Features
► Demonstrates the spatial and material effects of expert discourse, thereby extending more conventional Foucauldian methods in the Social Sciences
► Subjectivity of expertise is an overlooked and fruitful area of research
► Contributes a South Asian case study to the literature in political economy and human geography and frames it within discussions of planetary change

Contents

Fields of interest
Physical Geography; Water Policy/Water Governance; Earth System Sciences

Target groups
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F. Gutiérrez, M. Gutiérrez, University of Zaragoza, Zaragoza, Spain (Eds)

Landscapes and Landforms of Spain

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Fields of interest
Geomorphology; Physical Geography; Geographical Information Systems/Cartography

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2014. Approx. 300 p. 250 illus., 240 in color. (World Geomorphological Landscapes) Hardcover
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V. Kale, University of Pune, Pune, India (Ed)

Landscapes and Landforms of India

The proposed monograph on ‘Geomorphological Landscapes of India’ will aim to describe and explain in simple words the geomorphological characteristics and the origin of the above-mentioned landforms and landscapes. The proposed monograph will provide the background information about the geology, climate and tectonic framework of the Indian region, as well as cover Indian climates of the present and the past. It will mainly cover the four main morpho-tectonic regions of India and about 15-20 distinct landforms of the Indian region as well as the major geomorphologies in India.

Features
► So far, there is no book or publication that provides information of the major landforms and landscapes in India
► The book will provide information about Indian landscapes and landforms in simple terms and will be supported by maps and colour photographs
► The proposed book will appeal to people in other fields such as geology, ecology, environmental sciences, tourism, archaeology etc

Contents
Geological and tectonic background.- Climate past and present.- Geomorphological regions and their geomorphic history.- The Himalaya Mountains.- The Ganga Brahmaputra Plains.- The Deccan Peninsula.- The Thar Desert.- Granite landforms of Indian cratons.- The landforms of the Deccan Trap Region.- The Western Ghats.

Fields of interest
Physical Geography; Ecology

Target groups
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K. L. Maharjan, Hiroshima University, Hiroshima University, Japan (Ed)

Communities and Livelihood Strategies in Developing Countries

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Landforms and Landscapes of Portugal

The book brings together contributions from over 35 Portuguese geomorphologists, presenting a thorough overview of the main highlights of the landscape of Portugal’s mainland, Azores and Madeira. The book, which is a tribute to Professor António de Brum Ferreira, first President of the Portuguese Association of Geomorphologists and former Professor at the University of Lisbon, who passed away in January 2013, is organized in 3 parts: a) Introduction, which presents a general framework of the physical geography of Portugal, b) Geomorphological landscapes, presenting ca. 30 short papers with regional focus on key geomorphological areas, c) Applied geomorphology, providing an updated vision on the protection of geomorphological heritage with a focus on geoparks, as well as on Geomorphological hazards in Portugal. This first book ever to concentrate on the geomorphology of Portugal will surely become a benchmark for Portuguese geomorphology.

Features
- Only book on the Geomorphology of Portugal
- Thoroughly illustrated with color photos and geomorphological maps
- Ideal for earth scientists visiting Portugal

Contents
Part I Introduction.
- Geology, tectonics and geomorphology.
- Climate and past.
- Hydrogeomorphology.
Part II Geomorphological landscapes.
- The Minho valley.
- Tectonics and landforms in Minho.
Part III Geomorphological heritage.
- Protection of geomorphological heritage.

Fields of interest
; Physical Geography

Target groups
Research

Discount group
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