Urban Diversities – Environmental and Social Issues

Discusses current trends in people-environment studies, with an emphasis on diversity.

Biological and human-cultural diversities are both crucial aspects of sustainable life on this planet, a fact that was recognized by the United Nations which declared 2010 as the International Year of Biodiversity. Managing diversities in urban contexts, where more than half of the world’s population currently live, represents a fundamental aim for sustainable urban development. If this is to be achieved it requires collaboration among different scientific and technical disciplines, many of which are represented in this book.

Drawing on a diversity of theoretical and methodological approaches is key to understanding better people-environment relations, and for promoting the quality of urban life. This volume is organized around different research themes, relevant for understanding current trends and future developments in the study of people-urban environment relations, with an emphasis on the key concept of diversity in relation to:

- Theoretical and methodological approaches
- Urban landscapes and perceptual approaches
- Urban green spaces and well-being
- Lifestyles and urban sustainability
- Social groups and inclusive urban environments