

INVITATION

SUSTAINABILITY AND ECOLOGY STRATEGICS TOWARDS A POLITICAL ECOLOGY

Presentation of a new book

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This book is based on a cross-sectional study of projects and programs run by project partners and regional offices of the Heinrich Böll foundation in the period of 1996-2000. It is a strategic review of practical and political interventions of partner organizations in Latin America, Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe in the area of ecology and sustainability.

How did the projects attempt to implement the concept of "political ecology"? Which issues and which strategies did they take up in particular political conditions? Which constraints and limitations did they face? What are there strengths and success stories? How could they proceed on their way into a sustainable future? What are the impacts and differences to sustainability concepts in the North? What are the common issues?

Ecology and sustainability is one of the main areas of cooperation of Heinrich Böll Foundation's international work. Given its status as a political foundation, Heinrich Böll Foundation activities are based on a political understanding of ecology. Priorities are processes of awareness creation, social learning of political actors and political intervention rather than practical environmental protection. The overall goal is an ecological, social and democratic transformation of each sector and layer of society.