

**Sustainability in the Anthropocene: philosophical essays on renewable technologies, ed. by Róisín Lally.**

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Offering an alternative to analytical and pragmatic approaches to ecocide, these twelve essays invite readers to rethink economics, technology, and the concept of sustainability in philosophical terms. Phenomenology is here reshaped as applied philosophy, aiming at an alternative future. Contributors to this four-part edited volume adopt a range of angles from which to view the global problem we all face: that when the goods of developing economies sustain human life, those same processes degrade the environment at an alarming rate. Most chapters offer creative alternatives, even hope, supporting the proposition that future generations may flourish. Part 1 looks at the philosophical origins of sustainability; part 2 examines renewable technologies. One instructive example from part 3 ("Sustainability and Design") is Belu's essay (chapter 7) on in vitro fertilization, arguing that the surrogate womb has become a technology and the woman a receptacle or resource. Turning women's reproductive rights on their head, Belu shows how in vitro fertilization is premised on the same consumerist principles that lead to ecological degradation. The three challenging essays of part 4 ("Sustainability and Ethics") complete this philosophical tour de force, linking specific trends in modern thought to the ecological dilemma of our time.

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Summing Up: Recommended. Upper-division undergraduates through faculty and professionals.