Handbook on Growth and Sustainability

Edited by Peter A. Victor, Professor Emeritus, York University and Brett Dolter, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Regina, Canada

This Handbook assembles original contributions from influential authors such as Herman Daly, Paul Ekins, Marina Fischer-Kowalski, Jeroen van den Bergh, William E. Rees and Tim Jackson who have helped to define our understanding of growth and sustainability. The Handbook also presents new contributions on topics such as degrowth, the debt-based financial system, cultural change, energy return on investment, shorter working hours and employment, and innovation and technology. Explorations of these issues can deepen our understanding of whether growth is sustainable and, in turn, whether a move away from growth can be sustained. With issues such as climate change looming large, our understanding of growth and sustainability is critical. This Handbook offers a broad range of perspectives that can help the reader to decide: Growth? Sustainability? Both? Or neither?

‘Expertly presented with its twenty-three erudite articles being deftly organized into five major sections . . . the Handbook on Growth and Sustainability is an ideal textbook for scholars, students and practitioners with interest in ecological economics, sustainability and environmental studies. While unreservedly recommended for college and university library collections, it should be noted for the personal reading lists of students, academia, and non-specialist general readers with an interest in the subject that the Handbook on Growth and Sustainability is also available in a paperback edition’
– Willis M. Buhle, Midwest Book Review