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Green Economics:
The Greening of Energy Policies in the 21st Century

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Green Economics has emerged as a counterpart to mainstream orthodox economics. Having seen the mainstream economics failure in connecting nature and human activities there have been countless problems emerging, which harm the people and marginalize the poor around the world. As a result, Green Economics has developed its entirely new and exciting discipline or school of economics. Green Economics is based on a different ethics about economics and takes alternative and innovative perspectives on the global issues, suggesting new options and solutions affordable to society in the age of resource scarcity and global climate change. As business-as-usual approach dominates the mainstream, the world is facing unseen problems which have not been previously witnessed in our history. The global population has reached 7 billion and is likely to reach 8.5 billion by 2050 and global electricity demand is expected to increase by 80% by 2040, which exceeds the ecological carrying capacity. Having acknowledged the situation, this book aims to provide focus on the issues raised by current energy policies with a diverse group of researchers from around the world. The book also examines the risks of nuclear energy and suggests a blueprint for a transition to a low carbon society by developing renewable energy. It helps illustrate the way of re-examining such costly energy policies and dangerous nuclear disaster scenario.

Book Overview:

Part 1: Setting the scene: Economics and Human Costs of Energy
Part 2: Frameworks of Decision Making
Part 3: Green Economics Alternative Perspective and Theoretical Frameworks of Green Economics
Part 4: Energy Policies
Part 5: Renewable Energy Development
Part 6: Blueprint for a Transition to a Sustainable Society: Case Studies

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