Environmental law is shaped by the results of research in many different fields. Legal regulation and legal activities are supported and legitimated by the work of biologists, chemists, economists, engineers, geneticists and physicists, but also underpinned by cultural assumptions, the sources of which – philosophies, popular culture, ecological theories – are diverse and sometimes obscure, but arguably no less influential than those from the more traditional scientific domains. A full understanding of environmental problems requires students, practitioners and academics working within the discipline of environmental law, at whatever level, to engage with the concepts and methods employed by disciplines other than law.

This book explores environmental law from a range of perspectives, emphasising the policy world from which environmental law is drawn and nourished. It seeks to introduce students to a wide variety of non-legal material, whilst placing that material firmly in a legal context. A range of regulatory techniques is explored, through a close examination of both pollution control and land use. The highly complex nature of current environmental problems, demanding sophisticated and responsive legal controls, is illustrated by several in-depth case studies, including legal and policy analysis of the highly contested issues of genetically modified organisms and renewable energy projects.

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