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**Abstract:** *"Globalizing Urban Environmental History"* melds the methodological prescriptions of global urban history, the innovative methods of environmental history, and the interdisciplinary field of urban political ecology to trace the contours of a global urban environmental history. I argue that a global lens fixed on material, political, and cultural flows, movements, and connections – all of which were founded upon the structural integration of urban spaces through capitalist expansion and empire – sheds new light on the histories of specific urban-political ecologies, on the one hand, and large-scale urban patterns on the other. These patterns comprise shared urban-environmental imaginaries, strategies of environmental governance, and a global urban physical and cultural landscape stitched together by the adoption of fossil fuels.

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