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Preface

The chapters of this book are a result as well as a representation of the research programme carried out by the Department of Environmental Policy Sciences of Nijmegen University in the Netherlands over the last four years. A core element of this research programme concerns the recent renewal of policies in different domains of environmental politics. Here we discuss our theoretical concepts - political modernisation and policy arrangements - and empirical findings regarding the institutionalisation of environmental politics, both at national and at international level. The empirical evidence has been drawn from a variety of sub-domains in environmental politics, including infrastructure policies, nature conservation, climate change, biodiversity and agriculture.

Through this book we hope to engage in further debate with colleagues who also focus on environmental politics, albeit starting from different theoretical concepts or different levels of analysis, such as for instance policy networks, discourse coalitions and advocacy coalitions. Additionally, the book is intended to be used as a textbook in university education programmes on environmental politics.

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