

Editorial

SpringerBriefs in Environment, Security, Development and Peace (ESDP)

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This book series was stimulated by a chapter in the *Hexagon Series on Human and Environmental Security and Peace* (HESP) on the “Conceptual Quartet: Security and its Linkages with Peace, Development and the Environment”². This addressed the conceptual history and the context of four key concepts at the centre of four major research programmes in the social and political sciences and in international relations: a) environmental studies or ecology; b) international, national and human security studies; c) development studies; and d) peace studies or peace research. Six chapters analysed the dyadic conceptual relationship between: i) peace and security; ii) peace and environment; iii) development and security; iv) environment and development (sustainable development); v) development and security; and vi) environment and security.

These four key concepts and the six dyadic conceptual relationships address significant issues in international politics and in international relations but also in many other disciplines in the social and natural sciences. Both the HESP series of major multidisciplinary handbooks and these *SpringerBriefs in Environment, Security, Development and Peace* (ESDP) address the linkages across disciplines.

In both the HESP and the ESDP series, the editor welcomes book proposals and completed manuscripts by natural and social scientists, as well as by multidisciplinary teams of authors. The material may address issues of global change and its impacts on humankind, on environmentally-induced migration, on crises and conflicts, as well as proposing cooperative strategies to cope with these challenges either locally or in the framework of international organizations and regimes.

While the HESP series offers a platform for scientific communities dealing with global environmental and climate change, disaster reduction, human, environmental and gender security, and peace and conflict research, as well as for humanitarian aid and the policy community in national governments and international organizations, the focus of *SpringerBriefs in Environment, Security, Development and Peace* (ESDP) series is wider.

These *SpringerBriefs* present concise summaries of cutting-edge research and innovative policy perspectives. The series focuses on the interconnection of the new and non-traditional global environmental and development challenges that face humankind and that may pose dangers to peace and security in the Anthropocene era of earth history. *SpringerBriefs in*

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² Hans Günter Brauch, 2008: “Conceptual Quartet: Security and its Linkages with Peace, Development and Environment”, in: Brauch, Hans Günter; Oswald Spring, Úrsula; Mesjasz, Czeslaw; Grin, John; Dunay, Pal; Behera, Navnita Chadha; Chourou, Béchir; Kameri-Mbote, Patricia; Liotta, P.H. (Eds.): *Globalization and Environmental Challenges: Reconceptualizing Security in the 21st Century*. Hexagon Series on Human and Environmental Security and Peace, vol. 3 (Berlin – Heidelberg – New York: Springer): 65-98.

ESDP publish short monographs and edited volumes of workshops that are peer-reviewed by scholars from many disciplines and from all parts of the world. These *SpringerBriefs* will give more voice and visibility to scientists and innovative political thinkers in developing countries. *SpringerBriefs in ESDP* provide multi-, inter- and transdisciplinary knowledge relevant for coping with the numerous projected impacts of global environmental change, political, economic and cultural crises and conflicts. They offer

- Timely state-of-the art analyses (e.g. of earth systems science, geoecology) and policy assessments of the global challenges facing humankind in the 21st century
- Bridges between new research results with snapshots of hot and/or emerging topics, literature reviews and in-depth case studies.

As the *SpringerBriefs in ESDP* evolve, several peer-reviewed subseries are planned on the four issue areas of environment, security, development and peace. The first will be the journal *Mediterranean Soil Ecosystems* that focuses on interdisciplinary research dealing with land issues of soil, water and environmental management. This journal is edited by Prof. Dr. Selim Kapur (University of Adana, Turkey) with the support of an editorial board that will manage the anonymous peer-review process.

The series editor welcomes brief concept outlines and original manuscripts as proposals. If they are considered of relevance, these proposals will be peer-reviewed by experts from the natural and social sciences and from the humanities.

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