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Overview

Climate change is a defining issue in contemporary life. Since the Industrial Revolution, reliance on carbon-based sources for energy in industry and society has contributed to substantial changes in the climate. In the last three decades, concerns regarding human contributions to climate change have moved from obscure scientific inquiries to the fore of science, politics, policy and practice at many levels. From local adaptation strategies to international treaty negotiation, climate politics are as pervasive, vital and contested as ever. On the cusp of a new commitment to international cooperation to rein in greenhouse gas emissions, this essential volume intervenes to help survey and engage with the dynamic and compelling ‘Politics of Climate Change’. These chapters move through pivotal elements shaping attitudes, knowledges, intentions and actions on climate change. This edited collection draws on a vast array of experience, expertise and perspectives by these authors, with backgrounds in climate science, geography, environmental studies, biology, sociology, political science, and psychology. This reflects the contemporary conditions where the politics of climate change permeates and penetrates all facets of our shared lives and livelihoods.