

Recommended Reading

Week 1: The Origins of Sustainability

The following are suggestions for this week's readings (all in LMS Week 1):

Boulding, K. 1966. 'The Economics of the Coming Spaceship Earth'. In: Jarrett, H., Ed., *Environmental Quality in a Growing Economy*, Resources for the Future, Baltimore, 3-14

A short but wide-ranging article by Boulding, one of the foundational contributions to the sustainability debate. (14 pages)

Global Footprint Network. 2010. *The Ecological Wealth of Nations: Earth's biocapacity as a new framework for international cooperation*. Oakland (CA): Global Footprint Network.

One of the best large scale reviews of insights from ecological footprint thinking, summarising results across all nations. Fine to dip in. (38 pages)

Meadows, D., Randers, J. and Meadows, D., 2004. *Limits to growth: the thirty year update*. Chelsea Green: White River Junction, VT.

The selected reading in Minerva covers most of Chapters 1 and 4 (quite technical in places). A good introduction to the thinking behind World 3. (18 pages)

Brundtland, G.H., 1987. *Our common future*, World Commission on Environment and Development. **Chapter 2**.

Chapter 2 starts with the famous definition of sustainable development and goes on to review the key objectives and challenges ahead. (15 pages)