

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910252711503321
Autore	Meyer William B
Titolo	Neo-Environmental Determinism : Geographical Critiques // by William B. Meyer, Dylan M.T. Guss
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Cham : , : Springer International Publishing : , : Imprint : Palgrave Macmillan, , 2017
ISBN	3-319-54232-X
Edizione	[1st ed. 2017.]
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource
Collana	Palgrave pivot
Disciplina	333.7
Soggetti	Environmental sociology Environmental geography Environmental sciences—Philosophy Environment Environmental Sociology Environmental Geography Environmental Philosophy Environment Studies
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references and index.
Nota di contenuto	- Chapter 1. Introduction -- Chapter 2. Environmental Determinism: What Is It? -- Chapter 3. Environmental Determinism: What Was It? -- Chapter 4. Environment as Determinant vs. Environment as Irrelevant? A False Dichotomy and an Alternative -- Chapter 5. Neo-Environmental Determinism -- Chapter 6. Conclusion: "‘Geography’ vs. Institutions"?
Sommario/riassunto	"This book provides a unique, cogent, engaging account of environmental determinism that has long been much needed in the classroom and beyond." -- Andrew Sluyter, Associate Professor, Louisiana State University, USA This book pulls together major critiques of contemporary attempts to explain nature-society relations in an environmentally deterministic way. After defining key terms, it reviews the history of environmental determinism's rise and fall within geography in the early twentieth century. It discusses the key reasons for the doctrine's rejection and presents alternative, non-deterministic frameworks developed within geography for analyzing the roles played

by the environment in human affairs. The authors examine the rise in recent decades of neo-deterministic approaches to such issues as the demarcation of regions, the causes of civilizational collapse in prehistory, today's globally uneven patterns of human well-being, and the consequences of human-induced climate change. In each case, the authors draw on the insights and approaches of geography, the academic discipline most conversant with the interactions of society and environment, to challenge the widespread acceptance that such approaches have won. The book will appeal to those working on human-environmental research, international development and global policy initiatives. William B. Meyer is Associate Professor of Geography at Colgate University, USA. He is the author of several previous books, including *Human Impact on the Earth*, *Americans and Their Weather: A History*, and *The Progressive Environmental Prometheans*. His research interests include urban geography, environmental history, and the history of environmental thought. Dylan M.T. Guss works in the technology investment sector.

---