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This Handbook is a collection of contributions by more than 300 researchers who have attempted to grasp the essence of the Anthropocene, the new geological epoch that is characterised by an alteration in the conditions of habitability of the Earth, in its bio geophysical and socio-political reality, for all living things. These researchers have also sought to define a historical and prospective anthropology that integrates social, economic, cultural and political issues as well, of course, as environmental ones. What are the anthropological changes needed to ensure that our human adventure will be able to continue in the Anthropocene? And what are the

educational and political issues involved? The Anthropocene is fast becoming a widely-used term, but thus far there has been no reference work explaining the thoughts of the greatest experts of the present day on this subject (at the intersection of bio-geophysical and socio-political knowledge). A scientific and political concept (but also the conceptual vehicle for conveying the scientific community's sense of concern), this complex term is explained by international experts as they reflect on scientific arguments taking place in earth system science, the social sciences and the humanities. What these researchers from different disciplines have in common is a healthy concern for the future and how to prepare for it in the Anthropocene and also the identification of possible anthropological changes. This Handbook encourages readers to immerse themselves in reflections on the human adventure through descriptions of our differing heritages and the future that is in the process of being written. Nathanaël Wallenhorst is Professor at the Catholic University of the West (UCO). He is Doctor of Educational Sciences and Doctor of Philosophy (first international co-supervision PhD), and Doctor of Environmental Sciences and Doctor in Political Science (second international co-supervision PhD). He is the author of twenty books on politics, education, and anthropology in the Anthropocene. Together with Christoph Wulf, he is editor of the "Anthropocene - Humanities and Social Sciences" series at Springer-Nature. His passion: trying to listen to the future. Christoph Wulf is Professor of Anthropology and Education and a member of the Interdisciplinary Centre for Historical Anthropology, the Collaborative Research Centre (SFB, 1999-2012) "Cultures of Performance," the Cluster of Excellence (2007-2012) "Languages of Emotion," and the Graduate School "InterArts" (2006-2015) at the Freie Universität Berlin. His books have been translated into 20 languages. For his research in anthropology and anthropology of education, he received the title "professor honoris causa" from the University of Bucharest. He is Vice-President of the German Commission for UNESCO.
