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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Books

Princen, Thomas, *Fire and Flood: Extreme Events and Social Change, Past, Present, Future*, forthcoming, MIT Press.

Princen, Thomas, Jack P. Manno, Pamela L. Martin, eds., *Ending the Fossil Fuel Era*, MIT Press, 2015.

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Princen, *The Logic of Sufficiency*, MIT Press, 2005.

*Winner of International Studies Association 2007 Harold and Margaret Sprout Award for “best book in the study of international environmental problems.”

*Semi-finalist for the 2006 Grawemeyer Award for "Ideas Improving World Order"

Princen, Michael Maniates and Ken Conca, eds., *Confronting Consumption*, MIT Press, 2002.

*Winner of International Studies Association 2003 Harold and Margaret Sprout Award for “best book in the study of international environmental problems.”

De Young, Raymond and Princen, *The Localization Reader: Adapting to the Coming Downshift*, MIT Press, 2012.

Princen and Matthias Finger, *Environmental NGOs in World Politics: Linking the Local and the Global*, Routledge, 1994.

Princen, *Intermediaries in International Conflict*, Princeton University Press, 1992/1995/2014.

Journal articles, book chapters, essays

Princen, “Weathered History: Galveston and Extreme Events,” *Springs: The Rachel Carson Center Review*, Issue #3, May 2023, in press.

Princen, “Sufficiency and the State: A Prospective Project,” in Mathai, Manu V., Sachs, Wolfgang, Lorek, Sylvia, editors, “From an Ethic of Sufficiency to its Policy and Practice in Late Capitalism,” 2022, special issue, *Frontiers in Sustainability*, 3:956139.doi: 10.3389/frsus.2022.956139.

Princen, “The Mining Dilemma” (193-205) In Agni Kalfagianni, Doris Fuchs, Anders Hayden, *Routledge Handbook of Global Sustainability Governance* (London: Routledge, 2019).

Michael Maniates, Thomas Princen, “Fifteen claims: social change and power in environmental studies,” *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences* (first online: 30 April 2015)

Fuchs, Doris, Antonietta Di Giulio, Katharina Glaab, Sylvia Lorek, Michael Maniates, Thomas Princen. 2015. "Power: The Missing Element in Sustainable Consumption and Absolute Reductions Research and Action". *Journal of Cleaner Production*.

Princen, “Letter to a (composite) student in environmental studies,” *Beyond Doom and Gloom: An Exploration through Letters*. Edited by Elin Kelsey. Issue 2014/6 Munich: Rachel Carson Center.

Princen, “Start Stopping: Towards a Fossil Fuel Ethic for a Cultural Transition.” In Gert Jan Kramer and Bram Vermeer (eds.). *The Colours of Energy: Essays on the Future of Our Energy System* (Amsterdam: Shell International BV, 2014) 69-79.

Princen, “Sustainability: Foundational Principles” in Paul G. Harris, ed., *Routledge Handbook of Global Environmental Politics* (New York: Routledge, 2014/2016).

Princen, Jack P. Manno and Pamela Martin, “Keep Them in the Ground: Ending the Fossil Fuel Era” (161-171), in The Worldwatch Institute, *State of the World 2013: Is Sustainability Still Possible?* (Washington, DC: Island Press, 2013).

Princen, “The Politics of Urgent Transition: Fossil Fuel Exit and the Localization of Attention,” in Yael Wolinsky, ed., *U.S. Climate Change Policy and Civic Society* (Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2013).

- Princen, "Counter-Commoditization: Decision Making, Language, Localization," *Bulletin of Science, Technology & Society* 32(1) (2012) 7-17.
- Princen, "A Sustainability Ethic," in Peter Dauvergne, ed., *Handbook of Global Environmental Politics* (Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2012) 466-479.
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- Princen, "Speaking of Sustainability: The Potential of Metaphor," *Sustainability: Science, Practice, & Policy*, 6:2 (Fall 2010) 1-6.
- Princen, "Long-Term Decision-Making: Biological and Psychological Evidence," *Global Environmental Politics*, 9:3 (2009) 29-32.
- Princen, "Notes on the Theorizing of Global Environmental Politics," *Global Environmental Politics*, 8:1 (2008).
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- Princen, "Principles for Sustainability: From Cooperation and Efficiency to Sufficiency," *Global Environmental Politics* 3:1 (2003)
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- Princen, "Consumption and Environment: Some Conceptual Issues," *Ecological Economics* 31 (1999) 347-363.
- Princen, "From Property Regime to International Regime: An Ecosystems Perspective," *Global Governance* 4 (1998) 395-413.
- Princen, "The Shading and Distancing of Commerce: When Internalization is Not Enough," *Ecological Economics* 20 (1997) 235-253.
- Princen, "Toward a Theory of Restraint" *Population and Environment* 18 (1997) 233-254 .

RECENT COURSES TAUGHT

Program in the Environment, University of Michigan (undergrad)

Extreme Events: Social Change Past, Present, Future

Principles for Transition: Power Over, Power With

Fossil Fuel: The Culture, the Power, the Phase-out

Food: Growing and Eating for an Ecological, Economical and Just Transition

Global Water

School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Michigan (graduate)

Principles for Transition: Power Over, Power With

Localization: Transitional Thinking for the New Normal

Principles for Transition: Food, Fuel, and Finance in an Ecologically Constrained, Ethically Challenged World

Reconnection and Revitalization: Thinking Transitionally

Food and Fuel

Environmental Decisionmaking and Governance

AWARDS

International Studies Association 2017 Harold and Margaret Sprout Award for “best book in the study of international environmental problems”: Princen, Thomas, Jack P. Manno, Pamela L. Martin, eds., *Ending the Fossil Fuel Era*, MIT Press, 2015.

Teaching fellowship, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster, Germany, 2015.

Writing fellowship, Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, University of Munich, Germany, 2014.

Erb Faculty Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2007.

International Studies Association 2007 Harold and Margaret Sprout Award for “best book in the study of international environmental problems”: Princen, *The Logic of Sufficiency*, MIT Press, 2005.

Aldo Leopold Leadership Fellowship, Packard Foundation/Ecological Society, 2004.

International Studies Association 2003 Harold and Margaret Sprout Award for “best book in the study of international environmental problems”: Princen, Thomas, Michael Maniates and Ken Conca, eds., *Confronting Consumption*, MIT Press, 2002.

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation research award (with R. De Young), 1997-1999; project on consumption and environment.

Corporate Environmental Management Program Research Fellowship, University of Michigan, 1996-1997.

Pew Faculty Fellowship in International Affairs, Harvard University, 1993-94.

International Peace and Security post-doctoral fellowship, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Center for International Affairs, Princeton University, 1988-1990.

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Political Economy and Government, 1988, Ph.D.

Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, 1983, Master in Public Administration.

Pomona College, Bachelor of Arts *cum laude*, 1975, Biology.