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Environmental and resource economics is concerned with the allocation of both environmental and human-made resources, goods and services within and across generations. High levels of pollutant emissions, biodiversity loss and resource depletion highlight the challenges faced by environmental management. These issues are receiving increasing attention from policy-makers and the public, and economists are proposing a number of policy instruments to address related market failures. At the same time, there is a renewed interest in the causes and consequences of economic inequality. These two issues—environmental policy and economic inequality—are related: While economic inequality influences environmental appraisal and policy, environmental policy and the loss of environmental services may in turn have important distributional consequences. In particular, distributional aspects are increasingly perceived as key for implementing environmental policies that are fair and politically feasible.

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- How do environmental outcomes impact economic inequality?
- How does economic inequality impact environmental outcomes?
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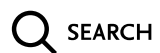
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