

# ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS

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## ABSTRACT

During the last few decades, two opposing approaches to environmental issues have come to the fore. The first explores the anthropocentric (human centred) moral dimensions of environmental crisis. The other, broader approach focuses on environmental problems from a non-anthropocentric ethical perspective. This paper will outline arguments for both approaches to environmental philosophy, including animal liberation, rights, and deep ecology.

Questions of sustainability, ideals of nature, social attitudes and ethics will also be considered. The point of departure is the different, often conflicting, values and meanings nature has for resource managers, economists, ethicists, primary peoples, city dwellers and scientific ecologists. The paper will discuss perspectives on how to include non-human beings in the environmental discourse, including consensus conferences.

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