Springer Briefs in Energy Analysis

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While oil spills, mine deaths, and stock market volatility grab the headlines, there are much more fundamental discussions taking place about energy and its economic and environmental effects, some already occurring, on a societal scale. Most fundamental in this respect is the arrival, plus or minus a few years, of global peak oil, which in 1968 was first predicted to occur around the turn of the millennium. Clearly, energy never really went away and in fact underlies all physical motion, all life, all chemistry, and all economics. It has been neglected in our understanding and teaching of societal processes for far too long, and particularly now when the scope and importance of issues growing out of energy availability and use are increasing yearly. These issues and impacts include the potential for economic growth and wealth creation (including “sustainable development”), climate change, general pollution, agricultural production, clean water, and perhaps even the continued existence of civilization as we know it in the coming decades.

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- **Drilling Down: The Gulf Oil Debacle and Our Energy Dilemma** (Joseph Tainter, Utah State University; Tadeusz Patzek, University of Texas at Austin)
- **The Energetics of Modern Societies** (Mario Giampietro, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB); Kozo Mayumi, University of Tokushima; Alevgül H. Șorman, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB))
- **Peak Oil: Science, History, and the Post-Peak World** (Colin J. Campbell, Jean Laherrère, Charles A.S. Hall)
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- **The Chinese Oil Industry: History and Trends to 2030** (Lianyong Feng, China University of Petroleum, Beijing; Yan Hu, China University of Petroleum, Beijing)
- **Energy Statistics** (Jun Toutain, Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate; Alevgül H. Șorman, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB); Mario Giampietro, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB))
- **Energy Returned on Energy Invested from Solar Photovoltaic Power in Spain** (Pedro A. Prieto, Asociación para el Estudio de los Recursos Energéticos, Madrid, Spain; Charles A.S. Hall, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, NY)
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