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Mauro Agnoletti and Gabriella Corona provide the background on this issue, which includes: Hans Aage on the relationship between economy and ecology; Silvana Bartoletto and Maria del Mar Rubio Varas on CO2 emissions in Italy and Spain (1861–2000); Hana Skokanova's assessment of the impact of river engineering works on the Dyje River floodplain in the Czech Republic; Joan Marull, Joan Pino, and Enric Tello's reflection on the concept of "landscape efficiency," with reference to Vallès County, Catalonia (1853–2004); and Eugenia Ferragina on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict over water resources in the Jordan River basin and its implications on how relations between security and the environment are conceived. Joachim Radkau offers a glimpse of the contents of a book that sheds light on the history of the German Green party and Serge Latouche outlines, in conversation with Federico Paolini, the potential of "degrowth" as a foundational concept for a new ecological democracy. Lastly, a forum on global environmental history assembles the views of Piero Bevilacqua, Guillermo Castro, Ranjan Chakrabarti, Kobus du Pisani, John R. McNeill, and Donald Worster.

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