Environment & Society Portal

Multimedia Library Collection: Environmental Values (journal)

"Operationalising Strong Sustainability: Definitions, Methodologies and Outcomes"

Özkaynak, Begüm, Pat Devine, and Dan Rigby

Özkaynak, Begüm, Pat Devine, and Dan Rigby. "Operationalising Strong Sustainability: Definitions, Methodologies and Outcomes." *Environmental Values* 13, no. 3 (2004): 279–303. doi:10.3197/096327104323312699 .

While acknowledging the absence of a single definition or theory of sustainability, this paper argues that a discussion of sustainability which refers only to definitions is pointless without an understanding of how the definitions are operationalised. In this context, the paper considers the operationalisation of strong sustainability. The definitions and operationalisation of strong sustainability most closely associated with (i) neoclassical environmental economics and (ii) ecological economics are discussed and compared. This analysis raises questions about the extent to which ecological economics has been able to influence real-world decisions and policy. The paper ends by considering whether the economic and political power structure taken as given by ecological economics is compatible with its policy perspective.
— Text from The White Horse Press website

All rights reserved. © 2004 The White Horse Press

Download:
PDF: https://www.environmentandsociety.org/sites/default/files/key_docs/ev_13no.3_oezkaynak_devine__rigby.pdf

Related links:

- Article on the official website
  http://www.erica.demon.co.uk/EV/EV1312.html
- The White Horse Press
  http://www.erica.demon.co.uk/

Websites linked in this text:

Environmental Values (journal) Collection, Multimedia Library, Environment & Society Portal
"Operationalising Strong Sustainability: Definitions, Methodologies and Outcomes"
Source URL: http://www.environmentandsociety.org/node/5909
Print date: 08 November 2026 08:40:14

- http://dx.doi.org/10.3197/096327104323312699
- http://www.erica.demon.co.uk/EV/EV1312.html

Environmental Values (journal) Collection, Multimedia Library, Environment & Society Portal
"Operationalising Strong Sustainability: Definitions, Methodologies and Outcomes"
Source URL: http://www.environmentandsociety.org/node/5909
Print date: 08 November 2026 08:40:14