

of environmental justice. This includes engaging stakeholders at all stages of the production process and at all locations along the commodity chain, to ensure that unjust power structures are not reproduced due to the technology's 'green halo'.

This text is an example of high-calibre interdisciplinarity, both accessible and meticulously researched. Students in environmental studies, energy policy and environmental sociology will find it an in-depth primer from which they can engage in further investigation through the extensive resources provided. Those completely new to solar power technologies and their social, political and environmental context may need to reread paragraphs at times due to their

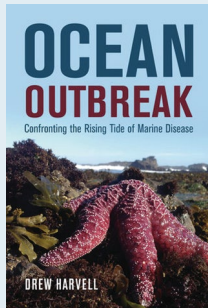
richness, but ultimately will emerge able to engage with the professional and academic energy community at a high level of sophistication.

While beyond the scope of this text, it is worth recognizing that solar, despite its rapid growth, remains an extremely small part of the energy grid (1.6% in 2018, according to the US Energy Information Administration). The thorough assessment of the broader impacts of solar, per Mulvaney's text, are well warranted. However, when evaluating sources of US electricity generation, the sector remains dominated by natural gas, coal and nuclear, the impacts of which do not yet appear to have been considered in such a rigorous and interdisciplinary fashion. Mulvaney's

approach to solar development provides a template for how this type of research could — and undoubtedly should — be applied to other types of electricity generation, especially those that reduce carbon emissions and for whom growth is anticipated. That said, to provide a primer that is aspirational, critical and meticulously researched is no easy task. *Solar Power* achieves just that. □

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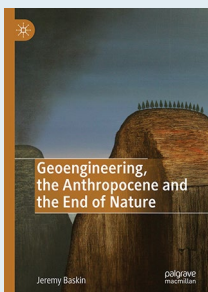


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