Title: Political ecology and conservation policies: some theoretical genealogies

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Abstract: [eng] This article explicitly connects a growing body of specific literature, the political ecology of conservation, to some of the often overlooked, main conceptual components emerging from political anthropology and geography (sources of legitimacy, governmentality, territoriality, or state making), political economy (commoditization, market integration, niche markets, or gentrification), and cultural studies of the environment (cultural transformations of nature, cultural heritage and landscapes, taste, and identity politics). All these concepts and literary fields are at the basis of the contemporary social analysis of conservation policies and their consequences. The article also provides an updated large bibliography on the concepts potentially relevant to a political ecology of conservation.

[spa] Este artículo conecta de manera explícita un creciente campo de literatura, la ecología política de la conservación, con algunos de los componentes teóricos, a menudo ignorados, que emergen de la antropología política y la geografía (fuentes de legitimidad, governamentalidad, territorialidad, estatalización), de la economía política (mercadización, integración de mercado, mercados especializados, o gentrificación), y estudios culturales del medioambiente (transformaciones culturales de la naturaleza, patrimonio cultural y paisajes, preferencias, e identidades políticas). Todos estos conceptos y campos temáticos están en la base de los análisis sociales contemporáneos de las políticas de conservación y sus consecuencias. Este artículo, además, ofrece una amplia bibliografía en conceptos potencialmente relevantes para la ecología política de la conservación.

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Ecology, being an interdisciplinary subject, has often advanced by borrowing perspectives and methods from numerous other disciplines. Of the many cross-disciplinary transfers that have contributed to the science of ecology, one unusual source of inspiration has been physical chemistry, which in a round-about way served to stimulate the development of population ecology in the 1920s. This transfer from physical chemistry into biology was the brainchild of Alfred James Lotka (1880–1949), a man of exceptional creativity and one of the fathers of what would later become theoretical population eco... Andrea Hansen, Tokyo Bay Marine Fields, 2009. The past two decades have witnessed a resurgence of ecological ideas and ecological thinking in discussions of urbanism, society, culture and design. In science, the field of ecology has moved away from classical determinism and a reductionist Newtonian concern with stability, certainty and order, in favor of more contemporary understandings of dynamic systemic change and the related phenomena of adaptability, resilience and flexibility. Increasingly these concepts are seen as useful heuristics for decision-making in many fields, and as models or m...