***Social Ecology***

***Social ecology may refer to:***

***Social ecology (academic field), the study of relationships between people and their environment, often the interdependence of people, collectives and institutions***

***Social ecology (Bookchin), a theory about the relationship between ecological and social issues, associated with Murray Bookchin***

***Social ecological model, frameworks for depicting the conceptual interrelations between environmental and personal factors.***

***What Is Social Ecology?***

***Murray Bookchin has long been a major figure in anarchls and utopian political theory, theory of technology, urbanism, and the philosophy of nature. He is the cofounder and director emeritus of the Institllte for Social Ecology. His many books include Toward an Ecological Society, The Ecology of Freedom, The Rise of Urbanization and the Decline of Citizenship, Remaking Society, and The Philosophy of Social Ecology.***

***What literally defines social ecology as "social" is its recognition of the often overlooked fact that nearly all our present ecological problems arise from deep-seated social problems. Conversely, present ecological problems cannot be clearly understood, much less resolved, without resolutely dealing with problems within society. To make this point more concrete: economic, ethnic, cultural, and gender conflicts, among many others, lie at the core of the most serious ecological dislocations we face today--apart, to be sure, from those that are produced by natural catastrophes.***