The approaches in this book range across ecofeminism and environmental marxism, but all of the authors are skeptical whether the ecological contradictions of capitalism and capitalist patriarchy can be resolved within an explicitly capitalist framework. At times romantic and utopian, at other times apocalyptic or sternly pragmatic, these essays (mostly reprinted from the first five years of the journal Capitalism, Nature, Socialism) document the emergence of simultaneously environmental and economic crises at the heart of capitalism. This article develops a political economy account of global environmental governance to improve upon our understanding of the contemporary conduct of environmental politics and to clarify thinking about the potential for, and barriers to, effective environmental reform. By elaborating the key contours of a political economy account on the one hand and opening up to critical enquiry prevailing understandings of what is meant by “global,” “environmental,” and “governance” on the other, such an approach is able to enhance our understanding of the practice of environmental governance by emphasising Environmental economics is an area of economics that studies the economics of environmental protection and economic impact of environmental policies. The Political Economy Research Institute (PERI) conducts economic research intended to be put into practice to improve quality of life and the environment.