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Relating people to their environment

As Dean of UC Irvine’s School of Social Ecology, I’m often asked, “What is Social Ecology?” It is a question because we are a nascent feature of University of California, as we were when the school was founded more than 40 years ago. A quick, simple definition that social ecology is the study of the relationship between people and their immediate environment can be the one person in the community, the many diverse communities we serve.

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