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SG 3302 & Zoom

Karl-Ludwig Schibel



The Dialectical Naturalism of Murray Bookchin



Source: Diane Shatz "Visions of Ecotopia" - RAIN magazine

Murray Bookchin's concept of Social Ecology is based on the idea of a dialectical relationship between human society and the natural world, and on the intercorrelation of natural and social evolution; tensions and contradictions arise when societies exploit or degrade their ecological base, so that environmental and social problems we face today result from hierarchical and exploitative social structures. Karl-Ludwig Schibel has collaborated with Bookchin for more than thirty years. He will discuss the fundamental assumptions of Social Ecology and their relevance for understanding and confronting contemporary ecological crisis, suggesting the transformation of social structures toward more egalitarian and ecologically responsible forms.