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## Biospheres

In this section attention moves to situated knowledge, human–environmental relations, the importance of ethnography for environmental discussions and policy, attempts to move beyond the nature–society dualism, and the challenges of the Anthropocene. The broad environmental context within which we are embedded is unique in the sense that more than ever before the environment is the *result* of human activities and, moreover, humans are acutely aware of this. Since our environment is increasingly refashioned by ourselves, it is suggested, we need to radically reframe global environmental problems as fundamentally human – moving beyond the traditional, narrow confinement in both academic and public discussions of the “environment” to the “natural” domain. The last chapter in the section explores the usefulness of the notion of housekeeping, of house models and the *Oikos*, for contemporary environmental politics and debates. The current collapsing of body, society, and environment, in both biosocial theory and the “real” world, necessarily invites applying the governmental gaze throughout, from the cellular to the global level, embedding humans and other beings in ever-larger contexts across the different scales of the Anthropocene.

