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Preface

The book originates from the cycle of conferences on the topic "Towards Rio+20: the challenges of international environmental law and sustainable development" – organised at the University of Salerno in May–June 2012 by the *Observatory on Human Rights: Bioethics, Health, Environment* – and it gathers the updated and enlarged version of the papers presented during those seminars as well as other contributions covering most of the topics addressed in "The Future We Want."

This is an innovative and original book which addresses in an analytical and critical way the issues raised by Rio+20. Its content offers a wealth of information from world leading experts in the fields of international law, international health law and international environmental law. The book offers a unique insight in issues which are at the core of the contemporary management of social, environmental and economic questions. It deals *e.g.* with global management of the environment after Rio+20; global health; food security; the right to water; genetically modified organisms; energy and policy. It also raises such topical questions as climate change; mining; waste management; and bioeconomy.

This book brings a very important assessment of the issues which were raised in "The Future We Want." It fleshes out the ideas contained therein and brings them closer to the reader. Chapters of the book are written in a very clear and accessible language, aimed at global audience and at anybody interested in the future of our Planet and the fate of future generations. This book should be considered by practitioners as well, as it also offers a very practical approach of existing legal regulations. Therefore it should be a must for anyone who is involved in social and economic issues of sustainable development. The book also deals with such an important but frequently undervalued aspect of sustainable development such as education, which is a pivotal element of the understanding and implementation of this concept.

This book will be also very helpful for Third World countries dealing with issues which are of vital importance for them, such as right to water; mining, etc.

In conclusion, it has to be said that this book is a very important contribution to our further understanding of the concept of sustainable development in Rio+20 and that it has a universal value.

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