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UNDERSTANDING HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTIONS ACROSS CULTURES



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Environmental Psychology is a scientific field concerned with the fundamental interconnectedness between humans and their environments. However, the ways individuals relate to their environments is shaped by cultural values, beliefs and practices. Solutions to environmental problems also require efforts from individuals within and across national and cultural boundaries. It is thus essential to study human-environment interactions from a (cross-)cultural perspective. In this talk, I will first outline theoretical models that explain cultural differences in human-environment interactions and then provide an overview of my ongoing research program. To illustrate, I will discuss recent findings from a large cross-cultural dataset spanning 110 countries and regions ($N = 108,946$) indicating that people consistently judge future climate change harm as greater for others than for themselves, and that variation in this self-other asymmetry is partially explained by national-level indicators. I will conclude by reflecting on how understanding human-environment interactions as culturally embedded can advance Environmental Psychology and inform more effective responses to global environmental challenges.

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