

## Preface

Planetary health refers to "the health of human civilization and the state of the natural systems on which it depends". In 2015, the Rockefeller Foundation and The Lancet launched the concept as the Rockefeller Foundation–Lancet Commission on Planetary Health.

Drawing from the definition of health – "a state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity"- as well as principles articulated in the preamble of the constitution of the World Health Organization, the report elaborated that planetary health refers to the "achievement of the highest attainable standard of health, wellbeing, and equity worldwide through judicious attention to the human systems – political, economic, and social – that shape the future of humanity and the Earth's natural systems that define the safe environmental limits within which humanity can flourish."<sup>i</sup>

In the present book, thirteen typical literatures about planetary health published on international authoritative journals were selected to introduce the worldwide newest progress, which contains reviews or original researches on planetary health. We hope this book can demonstrate advances in planetary health as well as give references to the researchers, students and other related people.

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<sup>i</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Planetary\\_health](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Planetary_health)