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Abstract

In a world of dwindling natural resources and mounting environmental crisis, who is devising ways of living that will work for the long haul? And how can we, as individuals, make a difference? Seeking answers to these questions, Professor Karen Litfin embarked on a worldwide journey researching ecovillages — intentional communities, both urban and rural, at the cutting-edge of sustainable living — which she explores in her newest book, [Ecovillages: Lessons for Sustainable Community](#).

BIO: Karen Litfin specializes in global environmental politics. Her earlier books include [Ozone Discourses: Science and Politics in International Environmental Cooperation](#) (Columbia University Press) and [The Greening of Sovereignty in World Politics](#) (MIT Press). Growing disillusioned with top-down responses to the mounting mega-crisis, she spent a year living in ecovillages. From rural to urban, high-tech to low-tech, spiritual to secular, she discovered an under-the-radar movement making positive changes from the ground up.

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