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Preface

In the beginning of 2015 the germ of this book was born when the authors discussed the possibility of a work that converged the actual debates about new materiality interpretations in the historical archaeology field and the contemporaneous environmental impacts caused by human actions on the future of the world. Following this, the authors proposed a symposium to be held at the Congress of the Society of Brazilian Archaeology (SAB) in that same year to commemorate the 35 years of social development in the city of Goiânia. The symposium, entitled “Historical Archaeology and the Environment,” congregated seven presentations distributed along three axes of discussion focused mainly on the South American perspective. We were fortunate and honored to have had as a debater Alfredo González-Ruibal, one of the speakers invited to the event. The good acceptance of the debate by the public and the great synergy among the speakers convinced us that this was indeed a hot topic of discussion and that more work needed to be done on it.

The second stage was the book organization itself, which incorporated the papers already presented during the symposium as a base, with the inclusion of works by new invited authors. At this time, the book’s scope and coverage were regional, but changes happened and the project reached an international level. As the major publications in the area of environmental archaeology were about pre-history, the “timing was right” and the diverse contributions received in this edited volume were the proof that the idea of Ecoarchaeology works.

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