

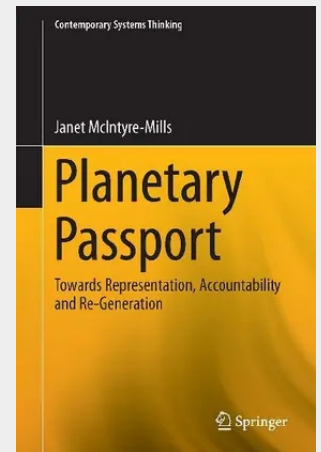
Planetary Passport

Re-presentation, Accountability and Re-Generation

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