

COURSE DETAIL

THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF ENERGY IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH

Country

United Kingdom - Scotland

Host Institution

University of Edinburgh

Program(s)

University of Edinburgh

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number

136

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF ENERGY IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH

UCEAP Transcript Title

ENERGY/GLOBAL SOUTH

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

Access to modern energy is seen as fundamental to reducing poverty, and improving education, livelihoods and health across the global south. Yet in the context of climate change and the UN's sustainable development goals the question of what kind of energy is appropriate for whom has become more important than ever. Meanwhile, the quest for new reserves of fossil fuels and attempts to increase the use of alternative energy is transforming relationships between the global south and the global north.

This course approaches the study of energy, fuel and electricity in Africa, Latin America, South Asia and the Pacific as the study of social, cultural and political change. We will explore both the role of energy in post-colonial projects of nationalist modernization and the place of energy in contemporary projects of socio-economic development. Students explore the social and cultural politics of oil, coal, hydroelectricity, wind, and solar. And they shift focus between big infrastructure projects, like dams and coal plants, designed to generate electricity for people living on the grid to small, decentralized infrastructures projects designed for those living off the grid.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

SCAN10078

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Host Institution Campus

University of Edinburgh

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

School of Social and Political Science

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