COURSE DETAIL

THE CULTURAL HISTORY OF NATURE
Country Norway
Host Institution University of Oslo
Program(s) University of Oslo
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History Anthropology
UCEAP Course Number 113
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title THE CULTURAL HISTORY OF NATURE
UCEAP Transcript Title CULTURL HIST NATURE
UCEAP Quarter Units 8.00
UCEAP Semester Units 5.30

Course Description

The most pressing societal challenges in the present have to do with climate change and the loss of biodiversity. In the age of the Anthropocene, nature has become a vital political concern. This course offers cultural historical perspectives upon the present situation. The aim is to explore how humans have used, imagined and shaped animals and physical environments and, conversely, the role that nature and ideas of nature have played in social, cultural, political, economic, and everyday life. The course focuses on ways to describe and theorize the relations between humans and nature—from early modern natural histories and the modern distinction between nature and culture, to ongoing discussions about the Anthropocene. Central themes include the politics of landscape and of domestication, the rise of conservation and scientific ecology, nature and colonialism, nature and the nation-state, and the strange new hybrid natures that emerge with the Anthropocene.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
KUHL2011

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
Humanities

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Culture, Religion, Asian Languages, Asian and African Studies

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