

COURSE DETAIL

ANTHROPOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY: CONTEMPORARY FAULT LINES

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Utrecht University

Program(s)

Utrecht University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number

105

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

ANTHROPOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY: CONTEMPORARY FAULT LINES

UCEAP Transcript Title

ANTH & SUSTAINBLTY

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

Sustainability has become a vantage point for addressing, debating, and negotiating multiple challenges of the contemporary world, such as climate change, environmental pollution, or inequalities. This course unpacks sustainability as a contested terrain where scientific expertise, political agendas and mobilizations, and the everyday confront each other on multiple levels. The key topics covered in this module focus on waste and value, global/local food regimes, the social aspects of infrastructures, contestations around fossil and renewable energy, and the politics of sustainability. To address these topics, the course primarily draws on ethnographic material to discover how the discourses on sustainability shape and are shaped by different actors in the context of everyday life. This course develops students' awareness of the strengths and limitations of anthropological perspectives on sustainability, and more generally how these influence larger debates on the anthropological study of economy, politics, environmentalism, globalization, and citizenship. The course combines lectures, section meetings, excursions and practical assignments to equip students with analytical vocabulary and skills to critically engage with the burning issues of sustainability in the contemporary world.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

201800038

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Host Institution Campus

Utrecht University

Host Institution Faculty

Social and Behavioral Sciences

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Cultural Anthropology

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