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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