COURSE DETAIL

DECOLONIZING THE GLOBAL ECOLOGICAL DEBATE: INDIGENOUS AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES ON ENVIRONMENTALISM

Country
France

Host Institution
Sciences Po Reims

Program(s)
Sciences Po Reims

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Environmental Studies Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number
105

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
DECOLONIZING THE GLOBAL ECOLOGICAL DEBATE: INDIGENOUS AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES ON ENVIRONMENTALISM

UCEAP Transcript Title
INDIGENOUS AMER/ENV

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units
3.00

Course Description

This course re-presents indigenous South and North American voices in a global ecological debate by discussing specific study cases of these groups' negotiations with environmental entities in light of key cosmological, ecological, political, and social categories prevalent among these groups. Using insights drawn from anthropological research, the course deconstructs Western commonplaces pervading the ecological debate, such as collective ownership and co-existence with Nature in non-modern societies, and problematizes the Nature/Culture dichotomy that stands at the core of our environmental imagination. Considering these groups' economic situation and development aspirations, the course discusses the equation of cultural preservation with ecological conservation. The course questions the possibility and implications of granting indigenous ecological knowledge scientific validity and, taking into account the colonialist reverberations of a global ecological perspective, considers if it can be embraced without violating indigenous sovereignty and rights to territorial integrity and self-determination.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
DCUL 27A06

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree
Seminar

Host Institution Department
Humanities/Culture

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