

COURSE DETAIL

ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY

Country

Norway

Host Institution

University of Oslo

Program(s)

University of Oslo

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology Environmental Studies

UCEAP Course Number

123

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY

UCEAP Transcript Title

ENVIRONMENT&SOCIETY

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

This course focuses on human-environment relationships and their implications for nature and society. Scientific concepts such as the “Anthropocene” and “planetary boundaries,” which are increasingly used to describe the nature and extent of contemporary environmental challenges, are explored from a social science perspective. The issue of climate change is a focal point for examining the drivers and consequences of environmental change, including relationships to processes such as globalization, urbanization, and land use changes. Social science perspectives on topics such as consumption, energy use, greenhouse gas emissions, impacts, vulnerability, resilience, adaptation, and mitigation are discussed and related to the broader debates about transitions and transformations to sustainability. The lectures, readings, and seminars explore how environmental discourses influence understandings and responses to contemporary environmental problems, including the role of beliefs, values, and worldviews in shaping the rules, norms, institutions, policies, and power relationships, which can either promote or constrain practical responses to environmental challenges. Students actively engage with debates on and experiments with individual and collective change, and explore what alternative approaches and paradigms have to offer.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

SGO2302

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Campus

Social Sciences

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

