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

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Host Institution Campus
Social Sciences

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Sociology and Human Geography

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