COURSE DETAIL

ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY
Country Netherlands
Host Institution Maastricht University – University College Maastricht
Program(s) University College Maastricht
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology Environmental Studies
UCEAP Course Number 108
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY
UCEAP Transcript Title ENVIRONMENTAL SOC
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description
This course explores the interactions between social systems and the environment. By looking at these interactions as two-way relationships, the course covers how human societies shape the environment and how environments shape societies. The focus is on the history of resource use and environmental degradation, the construction of environmental issues as social problems, environmentalist movements, and challenges in addressing and governing social problems such as climate change. In examining these topics, the course make suse of multiple sociological theories and concepts including political economy, environmental modernization, social movements, risk society, and consumerism. Key questions are asked: how do we define the environment and nature; how do these definitions shape our interactions with them; who controls access to environmental resources, and why does this matter; how do our daily actions contribute to socio-environmental relations; who is impacted by environmental hazards, and how are these governed; what do environmentalist movement groups mobilize for and why; how do scientific and political institutions interact in addressing problems like climate change.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
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Host Institution Campus
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