

# COURSE DETAIL

## EMPIRE, ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

King's College London

**Program(s)**

King's College London

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Geography Development Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

109

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

EMPIRE, ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

EMPIRE/ENVIRON&DEV

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

This course examines issues of environment and uneven development through the historical geography of empire. The course educates students on: 1) interdisciplinary theoretical approaches to empire in the social sciences and humanities, 2) the study of empire and environment (especially natural resources) within the subfields of political geography, historical geography, development geography, and political ecology, and 3) the complex natures, spatialities, and identities produced in the wake of European empires in Asia, Africa, and the Americas. Specific topics include the spatiality of sovereignty, racialized labor regimes (including slavery, coolies, and peasants), imperial modes of water and forest development, imperial systems of food and agriculture, state responses to disease and disaster, and the contradictory political geographies of settlement, incorporation, exploitation, and decolonization. The course concludes with a reflection on struggles to 'decolonize' imperial knowledge systems, political economies, and social relations in the contemporary era.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

6SSG3089

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<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/abroad/module-options/empire-environment-and-development-...>

### Host Institution Campus

King's College London/ Strand Campus

### Host Institution Faculty

### Host Institution Degree

**Host Institution Department**

Social Science and Public Policy

**Course Last Reviewed**

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