COURSE DETAIL

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Country
Denmark

Host Institution
University of Copenhagen

Program(s)
University of Copenhagen

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Sociology Political Science Environmental Studies

UCEAP Course Number
142

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

UCEAP Transcript Title
GLBL ENVRN JUSTICE

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units
4.00

Course Description

This course interrogates the intersection of environmental studies with ethical and political theories of justice. It engages with issues of environmental justice and injustice on a global scale and provides special consideration to the intersecting dimensions of race, ethnicity, class, and gender as well as global economic inequality and settler colonialism. An important dimension of the course is learning about the understandings of environment and claims to justice mobilized by social movements seeking to address environmental injustice. Beginning with an introduction to theories of environment, justice, and scientific knowledge production and continuing with an investigation of themes in environmental in/justice, the course considers how capital flows and the distribution of power shape who has access to the necessities of life and to clean environments and who does not, and how the world itself is being radically altered by human action. Finally, it considers what ethical and political obligations humans may have to more-than-human beings, and how the struggle to protect these beings is often tied up with the social justice struggles of marginalized human groups. The course continually returns to the question of how plural understandings of justice and the environment underwrite or challenge environmental destruction and socio-economic inequality and examines the social movements locally and globally that are challenging and, in some cases, transforming such inequality. Through readings, in-class discussions, guest lectures, selected films and documentaries, and a final project, students reflect critically on the root causes of the uneven distribution of the basic resources necessary for life.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
ASTK18402U

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
Faculty of Social Sciences

Host Institution Degree
Bachelor

Host Institution Department
Department of Political Science

Course Last Reviewed
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