

## 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

## **Host Institution Course Title**

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

**Host Institution Campus****Host Institution Faculty**

Faculty of Social Sciences

**Host Institution Degree**

Bachelor

**Host Institution Department**

Department of Political Science

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