COURSE DETAIL

ENVIRONMENTAL PHILOSOPHY AND ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION
Country Netherlands
Host Institution Wageningen University and Research Center
Program(s) Wageningen University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Philosophy Environmental Studies
UCEAP Course Number 117
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title ENVIRONMENTAL PHILOSOPHY AND ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION
UCEAP Transcript Title ENVIRONMENTAL PHIL
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description

This course provides a systematic overview of the key topics of environmental ethics. It focuses on three protracted and heated debates at the interface of environmental ethics and ecological restoration. The first debate is about the value of ecological restoration (including ‘nature development’). The second debate is about the moral status of animals within ecological restoration projects. Here the course distinguishes between (complementary) two cases: the first one is about the (re)introduction of indigenous species that were once pushed out of their native environment; the other one is about the elimination or eradication of exotic and alien species that have invaded and degraded ecosystems. Both cases show that there is considerable tension between environmental ethics and animal welfare ethics. The third debate is about the role of human intervention in the Anthropocene. Old-school conservationists want to restore and protect pristine nature and call for an attitude of humility. Ecomodernists, on the other hand, see the Anthropocene not as an ecological disaster, but as an opportunity to increase human welfare and protect nature with the use of technology.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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