

ANNEXURE-18(D)

New Elective Course

SOC 225: Society and Ecology

This course will introduce students to sociological approaches to understanding the relationship between society and ecology. The scope ranges from philosophical engagements with the distinction between nature and culture, to understanding perceptions and impacts of environmental change, to examining institutions and social structures that shape our engagement with nature. The course will familiarize students with the wide range of issues that animate the field, and examine some of the key debates by engaging with ethnographic work and specific case studies.

1. Social ecology
 - a) Mapping the field
 - b) Ideas of Natures
2. Explaining environmental degradation
 - a) Population, consumption, development
 - b) Disasters, hazards and risk
3. Environmentalism
 - a) Environment and social movements
 - b) Environmental justice: gender, class, caste, race
4. Environmental governance and Institutions
 - a) State, community, commons
 - b) Global environmental governance (problems, institutions, policies, politics)

Suggested Readings:

1. Guha, Ramachandra (1992) 'Prehistory of Indian Environmentalism: Intellectual Traditions' *Economic and Political Weekly*, 27 (1&2): 57-64.
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5. Cronon, William (1996) "The Problem with Wilderness; or Getting Back to the Wrong Nature," Pages 69-90 in W. Cronon (Ed) *Uncommon Ground: Rethinking the Human Place in Nature*, Norton, NY and London.
6. Phil Macnaughten and John Urry (1998) "Rethinking Nature and Society." Pp. 1-31 in *Contested Nature*, Sage, London.
7. Kohn, Eduardo (2013) *How Forests Think: Towards an anthropology beyond the human*. University of California Press, California.
8. Robbins, Paul (2007) *Lawn People. How Grasses, Weeds, and Chemicals Make Us Who We Are*. Temple University Press, Philadelphia.
9. Smith, Neil (2010) *Uneven Development: Nature, Capital and the Production of Space*. Verso, NY.
10. Fisher, Dana R. and William R. Freudenburg (2001) "Ecological modernization and its critics: Assessing the past and looking toward the future." *Society & Natural Resources*, 14(8): 701-709.
11. Tsing, L. Anna (2001) *Friction. An Ethnography of Global Connection*. Princeton University Press, NJ.
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13. Fortun, Kim (2001) *Advocacy After Bhopal: Environmentalism, disasters, new global orders*. University of Chicago Press, Chicago.
14. Darwin Bond Graham (2008) "The New Orleans that Race built: Racism, Disaster and Urban Spatial Relationships", pp. 17-32 in Manning Marable and Kristen Clarke (Eds.) *Seeking Higher Ground: The Hurricane Katrina Crisis, Race, and Public Policy Reader*. Palgrave MacMillan, NY.
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16. Bullard, Robert (1994) "Environmental Racism and the Environmental Justice Movement", pp. 254-65 in Carolyn Merchant, *Key Concepts in Critical Theory: Ecology*, Humanities Press, New Jersey.
17. Gottlieb, R. (2005). *Forcing the spring: the transformation of the American environmental movement*. Washington, DC: Island Press.
18. Ariel Salleh (1992) "The Ecofeminism/Deep Ecology Debate." *Environmental Ethics*, 14, Fall, 195-216.
19. Cecile Jackson (1995) "Radical Environmental Myths: A Gender Perspective." *New Left Review* 210: 124-140.

20. Bina Agarwal (1998) "Environmental management, equity and ecofeminism: Debating India's experience." *Journal of Peasant Studies*, 25(4): 55-95.
21. Dove, M. Indigenous People and Environmental Politics. *Annual Review of Anthropology*, 35: 19-208.
22. Shaw, Rosalind. (2013) "Nature", "Culture" and Disasters: Floods and Gender in Bangladesh. Pages 223-234 in M. Dove (Ed) *The Anthropology of Climate Change: An Historical Reader*. Wiley-Blackwell, NY.
23. Baviskar, Amita (2008) *Contested Grounds. Essays on Nature Culture and Power*. Oxford University Press, Delhi. (Selected chapters).
24. J. Timmons Roberts and Nikki Demetria Thanos. 2003. *Trouble in Paradise: Globalization and Environmental Crises in Latin America*. London: Routledge.
25. Annu Jalais (2014) *Forest of Tigers: People, Politics and Environment in the Sundarbans*. Routedledge.
26. Agrawal, Arun (2003) "Sustainable Governance of Common-Pool Resources: Context, Methods, and Politics," *Annual Review of Anthropology* 32: 243-262.
27. Rangarajan, Mahesh and K. Sivaramakrishnan (2014) *Shifting Grounds: People, Animals and Mobility in India's Environmental History*. Oxford University Press, Delhi (Chapters 1, 9, 10, 11).
28. Lele, Sharad and Ajit Menon (2014) *Democratising Forest Governance in India*. Oxford University Press, Delhi.
29. Hulme, Michael (2009) *Why we disagree about climate change*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
30. Buscher, B. W. Dressler and R. Fletcher (2014) *Nature TM Inc.: Environmental Conservation in the Neoliberal Age*. University of Arizona Press, Tuscon.
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