

JGE331H1S

RESOURCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL THEORY

COURSE SCHEDULE, WINTER TERM 2018

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**Course Meetings:
Wednesdays, 14:00-16:00
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SUMMARY OF COURSE SCHEDULE

When	What	Details
Wednesdays, 14:00 – 16:00	Class meetings	SS 2110
Tuesdays before 14:00	Responses to assigned readings (eight total)	Upload to Blackboard before 14:00. Late submissions will receive no credit
Before 23:59 on Friday, February 23rd, 2018	First assignment	Upload to Blackboard before 23:59
Before 23:59 on Friday, March 16th, 2018	Two peer reviews of assignments (#1) completed by other students	Upload to Blackboard before 23:59; use the form provided to complete the peer reviews (one form for each student partner)
Before 23:59 on Sunday, April 8th, 2018	Second assignment	Upload to Blackboard before 23:59

SCHEDULE OF LECTURE TOPICS AND ASSIGNED READINGS

- Jan-10 Introduction and Course Overview**
- Jan-17 Malthus: Foundations of the Population and Environmental Degradation/Resource Scarcity Nexus (and also the Notion of Absolute Limits to Growth)**
- Assigned Reading:
 - Malthus, Robert T. (1798). "An Essay on the Principle of Population as it affects the future improvement of society with remarks on the speculations of Mr. Godwin, M. Condorcet, and other writers." London, printed for J. Johnson, in St. Paul's Church-Yard. Preface and chapters 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, and 10 (these are short!). Available at: <http://www.esp.org/books/malthus/population/malthus.pdf>
- Jan-24 Property and Enclosure Part I: Improved Land, "Waste" and Terra Nullius**
- Assigned Readings:
 - Locke, John (1690). The Second Treatise of Civil Government, chapter 5, "Of Property". Available at: <http://www.constitution.org/jl/2ndtr05.htm>
 - Denevan, William M. (1992). "The pristine myth: the landscape of the Americas in 1492." *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 82: pp. 369-385. Available at: http://resolver.scholarsportal.info.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/resolve/00045608/v82i0003/369_tpmtlotai1.xml
- Jan-31 Property and Enclosure Part II: Primitive Accumulation, Land and Resource "Grabs", and Private Property as Socio-Ecological Ontology**
- Assigned Reading:
 - Marx, Karl, & Engels, Fredrich ([1867]1984). *Capital: a critique of political economy*. Moscow: Progress Publishers. Chapters 26, 27, 28, 29, 32 and 33 (these are fairly short...don't be intimidated). Available at: <https://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/download/pdf/Capital-Volume-I.pdf>
- Feb-7 Customs and/in Common(s): Foundations of Communal Resource Access/Management and Customary Use Rights Debates**
- Assigned Reading:
 - Thompson, Edward. P. (1991). *Customs in common*. New York: Penguin History. Chapter 3 "Custom, Law and Common Right", Parts V and VI (pages 159-184). Note: reading the entire chapter is strongly recommended. <https://libcom.org/files/customs%20in%20common%20complete%20Part%201.pdf>
- Feb-14 Colonial and Neo-Colonial Visions in Genealogies of Conservation**
- Assigned Readings:
 - Fairhead, James, & Leach, Melissa (1995). False forest history, complicit social analysis: rethinking some West African environmental narratives. *World Development*, 23(6), 1023-1035.

http://resolver.scholarsportal.info.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/resolve/0305750x/v23i0006/1023_ffhcsarswaen.xml

- Neumann, Roderick. P. (1996). Dukes, Earls, and ersatz edens: aristocratic nature preservationists in colonial Africa. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, 14(1), 79-98.

<http://journals.sagepub.com.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/doi/pdf/10.1068/d140079>

Feb-21 Reading Week

Feb-28 **Mapping and Counter-Mapping: Cartographies of Territorial Resource Claims and Their Contestations**

- Assigned Readings:
 - Peluso, Nancy. L. (1995). Whose woods are these? Counter-mapping forest territories in Kalimantan, Indonesia. *Antipode*, 27(4), 383-406.
http://resolver.scholarsportal.info.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/resolve/00664812/v27i0004/383_wwatcftiki.xml
 - Hodgson, Dorothy. L., & Schroeder, Richard. A. (2002). Dilemmas of counter-mapping community resources in Tanzania. *Development and Change*, 33(1), 79-100.
http://resolver.scholarsportal.info.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/resolve/0012155x/v33i0001/79_doccrit.xml

Mar-7 **“Non-Declining Even Flow”: Constant Output from Dynamic Environments and Rationalities of Biological Resource Management**

- Assigned Reading:
 - Wiersum, K. Freerk (1995). 200 years of sustainability in forestry: Lessons from history. *Environmental Management*, 19(3), 321-329.
http://resolver.scholarsportal.info.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/resolve/0364152x/v19i0003/321_2yosiflth.xml
 - Sayre, Nathan F. (2008). The Genesis, history, and limits of carrying capacity. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, 98(1): pp. 120-134.
<http://www.jstor.org.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/stable/pdf/25515102.pdf>

Mar-14 **Let the Experts Decide: Indicators for Conservation Planning, Science-Based Decision-Making, and the Politics of Scientific Knowledge Claims**

- Assigned Readings:
 - Lave, Rebecca (2015). The Future of environmental expertise. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, 105(2), 244-252.
http://resolver.scholarsportal.info.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/resolve/00045608/v105i0002/244_tfoec.xml
 - Landres, Peter. B., Verner, Jared., & Thomas, Jack. W. (1988). Ecological uses of vertebrate indicator species: a critique. *Conservation Biology*, 2(4), 316-328. http://www.jstor.org.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/stable/2386290?pq-origsite=Summon&seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents

Mar-21 **(Un)Natural Disasters: The Specter of Adaptation and the Social Metabolism of Risk**

- Assigned Reading:

- Hewitt, Kenneth (1983). The idea of calamity in a technocratic age. In: Hewitt, K. (Ed.), *Interpretations of Calamity from the Viewpoint of Human Ecology*, Allen and Unwin, Boston. Available at <https://history.osu.edu/sites/history.osu.edu/files/Hewitt.pdf>.

Mar-28

Neo-Liberal Natures 1: Standards, Labels, Certification and Consumer Choice as Environmental Policy

- **Assigned Readings:**

- Guthman, Julie (2007). The Polanyian Way? Voluntary Food Labels as Neoliberal Governance. *Antipode*, 39(3), 456-478. http://resolver.scholarsportal.info.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/resolve/00664812/v39i0003/456_tpwvflang.xml
- Polanyi, Karl (1957). The Economy as instituted process. In K. Polanyi, C. M. Arensberg, & H. W. Pearson (Eds.), *Trade and market in the early empires: economies in history and theory* (pp. 243-270). New York: Free Press. <http://irows.ucr.edu/cd/courses/281/readings/polanyi.pdf>

Apr-4

Neoliberal Natures II: Green Grabbing, Markets as Environmental Policy and The New Racket in Nature

- **Assigned Reading**

- Dales, John. H. (1968). Land, water, and ownership. *The Canadian Journal of Economics / Revue canadienne d'Economique*, 1(4), 791-804. http://www.jstor.org.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/stable/133706?pq-origsite=summon&seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents
- Bakker, Karen (2007). The 'commons' versus the 'commodity': Alter-globalization, anti-privatization, and the human right to water in the global south. *Antipode*, 39(3), 430-455. http://resolver.scholarsportal.info.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/resolve/00664812/v39i0003/430_tvtaaatwitgs.xml