

Vi har gjort enkelte mindre justeringer i course content og i knowledge for å oppdatere beskrivelsen slik at den stemmer bedre overens med kurset slik det undervises nå.

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SOSANT 2510 Environmental Anthropology

Course content

What characterizes peoples' relationship to the environment and the living world? How do different people think and act in response to changes in their environmental surroundings? How are extractive practices justified, and what forms of resistance exist? How are plants, animals, birds and fish known, and what sorts of relations beyond the human make local surroundings meaningful?

This course is an introduction to some of the central themes in environmental anthropology as well as an exploration of some recent anthropological analyses of environmental change. Drawing on a range of ethnographic studies the course provides perspectives on topics such as:

- How peoples' understanding of the environment can be related to their sense of self, identity, and moral obligation.
- How nature—animals, plants and landscapes—can become sites of contestation and conflict.
- How environments can elicit different forms of knowledge.
- How global inequality and colonial dispossession are connected to climate change and biodiversity loss.
- How both slow and sudden environmental crises affect how we think about the future and what it means to be human.

Learning outcome

Knowledge

- Knowledge of environmental issues and anthropological approaches to studying these
- Knowledge of anthropological approaches to global environmental change
- Understanding of the social and historical and colonial processes that underlie and contribute to global environmental change
- Knowledge of how words, practices and moral understandings shape our relations to nature

Skills

- The ability to critically analyse arguments and statements
- The ability to recognise and acknowledge radically different approaches to nature and the environment
- The ability to articulate theoretical arguments based on case studies

Competences

- Achieve independent academic thought
- The ability to construct and express analytical arguments both verbally and in the written form

Admission

Students who are admitted to study programmes at UiO must each semester register which courses and exams they wish to sign up for [in Studentweb](#). If you are not already enrolled as a student at UiO, please see our information about [admission requirements and procedures](#).

Overlapping courses

5 credits overlap with [SOSANT4505 – Environmental Anthropology, Honours](#)

Teaching

The course is made up of a series of lectures.

Examination

Students are graded on the basis of a take-home exam. The exam paper must be minimum 2 900 words and maximum 4 400 words including cover page and foot- or endnotes.

[Previous exams](#)