



V-SAK 23/26: Endringer i pensum for SOSANT2150 - Environmental Anthropology og SOSANT4505 – Environmental Anthropology, Honours

Saken legges frem for Programrådet:

- ☒ Til behandling
- ☐ Til orientering
- ☐ Til diskusjon
- ☐ Til uttalelse

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Vedtaksforslag: Programrådet godkjenner pensumendringene i SOSANT2510 og SOSANT4505.

SOSANT2510 og SOSANT4505

SOSANT4505 (5 studiepoeng) følger undervisningen til SOSANT2510 (10 studiepoeng), men er altså et mindre emne på masternivå. SOSANT4505 tilbys til masterstudenter ved UiO som tar Honours-sertifikat i Environmental Humanities and Sciences.

Her følger først alfabetiske lister over hvilke tekster (og en film) som foreslås tatt ut av pensum, og hvilke tekster som skal inn i stedet. Deretter følger en begrunnelse fra emneansvarlig som viser tekstenes funksjon i forelesningsrekken. Merk at den tiende forelesningen ikke har pensum, og dermed ikke er tatt med i oversikten. Begrunnelsen viser også hvilke tekster som også skal inngå i SOSANT4505 (lilla skrift), som har noe mindre omfattende pensum enn det større emnet SOSANT2510. Til slutt gis komplette alfabetiske pensumlister for de to emnene.



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Begrunnelse v/ emneansvarlig

Note: SOSANT4505 readings are highlighted in purple to reflect the smaller credit distribution for the MA course.

Rationale for changes: I have mostly kept the original readings from the syllabus used by Marianne, Wenzel, and Knut in the past, with a few changes based on their advice and prior experiences. When possible, I have reduced the weekly reading load, with a maximum of three readings per week (with just one exception during a week with short readings). I've also tried to introduce a few more recent pieces to keep up with developments in the field.

Required Full Ethnographies (both available digitally via UiO library website):

- Barua, M. (2024). *Plantation Worlds*. Duke University Press.
<https://doi.org/10.1215/9781478027744> (312 s.) (discussed in week 08)
- Lyons, K. M. (2020). *Vital Decomposition: Soil Practitioners and Life Politics*. Duke University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1215/9781478009207>. (232 s.) (discussed in week 09)



[SOSANT4505 students may choose one of the two ethnographies]

Week 01: Introduction to Environmental Anthropology & Questioning Nature

Cronon remains a cornerstone of the course given its foundational challenge to naturalized ideas of wilderness. Merchant's introduction has been added as a new piece to open a feminist-ecological lens from the outset, foregrounding the gendered dimensions of how "nature" has been constructed — a perspective that was underrepresented in the previous syllabus.

- Cronon, W., 1996. The trouble with wilderness: or, getting back to the wrong nature. *Environmental history*, 1(1), pp.7-28.
- Merchant, Carolyn. "Introduction: women and ecology." *The Death of Nature: Women, Ecology, and the Scientific Revolution*, Harper & Row, 1980, pp. 1–10.

Week 02: The Commons and Care

Hardin is retained here with advance content warnings on Canvas, acknowledging the previous instructors' suggestions to keep it but help students consider the politics carefully before teaching it. Mildenerger is kept as an essential antidote, and MacLellan has been to offer a more current and critically engaging take on commons theory that connects directly to climate change. Lien 2024 grounds the commons debate in a concrete Nordic/Sámi context.

- Hardin, G., 2013. "The tragedy of the commons." In *Environmental ethics* (pp. 185-196). Routledge.
- Mildenerger, M., 2019. "The Tragedy of the Tragedy of the Commons." *Scientific American*, 23.
- MacLellan, M. (2016). The tragedy of limitless growth: Re-interpreting the tragedy of the commons for a century of climate change. *Environmental Humanities*, 7(1), 41-58.



- Lien, M.E., 2024. "Uncommon Ground: Climate Change and Compound Disposessions in Sámi Reindeer Herding." *Social Analysis*, 68(2), pp.119-137.

Week 03: Ecological Imperialism and Colonial Ecologies

I kept Bond for its strong ethnographic argument about extraction and pollution. Joks et al. was highly recommended to represent Sámi voices and the Nordic context. Liboiron has been added as a new piece. Students tend to like their work, and it brings an explicitly decolonial and indigenous framework to questions of land and pollution that strengthens the week's thematic focus.

- Liboiron, M., 2021. "Land, Nature, Resource, Property" in *Pollution is colonialism*. Duke University Press.
- Bond, D., 2024. Disfigured Commons: Profit and Pollution in the American Empire of Oil. *Social Analysis*, 68(2), pp.21-43.
- Joks, S., Østmo, L., and Law, J. 2020. "Verbing meahcci: Living Sami lands.» *The Sociological Review Monographs*. 68(2):305-321.

Week 04: Anthropology and Conservation

Fairhead and Leach and Nustad are both retained as they resonated strongly with students. Marijnen has been added as a new piece to address the militarization of conservation, a dimension of the politics of conservation not previously covered and increasingly relevant to the field.

- Marijnen, E., 2022. Eco-war tourism: Affective geographies, colonial durabilities and the militarization of conservation. *Security dialogue*, 53(6), pp.550-566.
- Nustad, K.G., 2020. Notes on the political ecology of time: Temporal aspects of nature and conservation in a South African World Heritage Site. *Geoforum*, 111, pp.94-104.



- Fairhead, J. and Leach, M., 1995. False forest history, complicit social analysis: rethinking some West African environmental narratives. *World development*, 23(6), pp.1023-1035.

Week 05: Domestication and Living with Nonhumans

The Lien, Swanson, and Ween introduction to *Domestication Gone Wild* gives an anchoring piece for this theme. Reis-Castro and Lee has been added as a newer piece that applies domestication thinking in a cross-disciplinary way, replacing the need for a second lengthier text while keeping the reading load manageable.

- Lien, M., Swanson, H.A. and Ween, G., 2018. "Introduction: naming the beast—exploring the otherwise." In *Domestication gone wild: politics and practices of multispecies relations* (pp. 1-30). Duke University Press.
- Reis-Castro, L. and Lee, J.H., 2024. Bites, blood, boundaries: Rats, mosquitoes, and domestication across disciplines. *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 54(3), pp.351-370.

Week 06: The Anthropocene

I kept Davis and Todd and added Swanson to offer critical and decolonial framings of the Anthropocene concept. I kept Eriksen for its accessibility to non-anthropology students and its argument connecting biological and cultural diversity, but moved it here rather than its original place in Week 01 to follow the more theoretically dense weeks.

- Davis, H. and Todd, Z., 2017. "On the Importance of a Date, or, Decolonizing the Anthropocene." *ACME: An international journal for critical geographies*, 16(4), pp.761-780.



- Swanson, Heather Anne. 2017. "The Banality of the Anthropocene." *Cultural Anthropology online*. Fieldsights/Dispatches section. February 22.
<https://www.culanth.org/fieldsights/the-banality-of-the-anthropocene>
- Eriksen, T.H., 2021. The loss of diversity in the Anthropocene biological and cultural dimensions. *Frontiers in Political Science*, 3, p.743610.

Week 07: Reading Landscapes, Writing Nature -- Narrative and Politics

This week's collection is in preparation for the methods workshop that students will attend prior to their Oslomarka fieldwork. Each of these readings should help them to conceptualize approaches to forest-based ethnographic field methods.

- Mathews, A.S., 2017. "Ghostly forms and forest histories." In *Arts of living on a damaged planet*, pp.G145-G156.
- Brown, K., 2019. "Learning to read the great Chernobyl acceleration: literacy in the more-than-human landscapes." *Current Anthropology*, 60(S20), pp.S198-S208
- Tsing, A. L. (2015). "The life of the forest." In *The mushroom at the end of the world: On the possibility of life in capitalist ruins* (pp. 155–164). Princeton University Press.

Week 08: Plantations and Shadow Ecologies

Barua's *Plantation Worlds* (2024) has been introduced as one of the two required ethnographies, replacing an earlier text in order to bring a more current book into the course. Chao has been added following the previous instructor's suggestion as a replacement for Paredes, and it connects well to plantation and multispecies themes.

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Week 9: Transformative Encounters – Environments Inside/Out

Murphy and Lamoreaux have been added as new pieces to extend the week's focus on bodies, toxicity, and decolonial environmental relations. These replace Lorimer and Shapiro, which the previous instructor flagged as not working well with students. They'll discuss these together with Lyons, which will also help to close the course with attention on the practices of environmental scientists.

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