

COURSE: DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE 2

Semester	5
Paper Number	HSODS5021T
Paper Title	Environmental Sociology
No. of Credits	6
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periods assigned	Th: 5 + 1
Name of Faculty member(s)	1+1
Course description/objective	This course is designed to introduce students to the core debates of environmental sociology, different approaches within the sub- discipline and how these approaches may be used to understand environmental issues and movements in India.
Syllabus	<p>1. Envisioning Environmental Sociology (3 weeks)</p> <p>1.1. What is Environmental Sociology? 1.2. Realist-Constructionist Debate.</p> <p>2. Approaches (6 weeks)</p> <p>2.1 Treadmill of Production 2.2 Ecological Modernization 2.3 Risk 2.4 Ecofeminism and Feminist Environmentalism 2.5 Political Ecology</p> <p>3. Environmental Movements in India (3 weeks)</p> <p>3.1 Forest based movement – Chipko 3.2 Water based movement – Narmada 3.3 Land based movements – Anti-mining and Seed</p>
Reading/Reference Lists	<p>Topic 1 : Bell, MM. (2008). An Invitation to Environmental Sociology. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage 3rd ed. Ch 1.(pp. 1-5).</p> <p>Hannigan, J. A. (1995). Environmental Sociology. Routledge, London and New York, 2nd ed. Ch1 and 2. (pp. 10-15,16- 35).</p> <p>Leahy, T. (2007). Sociology and the Environment. Public Sociology: An Introduction to Australian Society. Eds. Germov, John and</p>

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O'Connor, J. (1994). Is sustainable capitalism possible. Is capitalism sustainable? *Political Economy and the Politics of Ecology*. The Guilford Press. (pp.152-175).

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Agarwal, Bina, 2007. The Gender and Environment Debate: Lessons from India. In Mahesh Rangarajan. (ed.) 2007. *Environmental Issues in India : A Reader*. New Delhi: Pearson, Longman, Ch 19.(pp. 316-324, 342-352).

Robbins, P. (2011). *Political Ecology: A Critical Introduction* (Vol. 16). Wiley and Sons Ltd. East Sussex, U.K. Ch 1 (pp.10-25).

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	<p>(Vol. 4). Sage Publications Pvt. Ltd., Ch. 16 (pp.423-454).</p> <p>Khagram, S., Riker, J. V., & Sikkink, K. (2002). Restructuring the global politics of development: The Case of India's Narmada Valley Dams. <i>Restructuring World Politics: Transnational Social Movements, Networks, and Norms</i> (Vol. 14). U of Minnesota Press. (pp.206-30).</p> <p>Padel, F., & Das, S. (2008). Orissa's highland clearances: The reality gap in R & R. <i>Social Change</i>, 38(4), 576-608. Scoones, I. (2008). Mobilizing against GM crops in India, South Africa and Brazil. <i>Journal of Agrarian Change</i>, 8(2-3), 315-344.</p> <p>Suggested Reading : Guha, R., & Alier, J. M. (1998). The environmentalism of the poor. In <i>Varieties of environmentalism: Essays North and South</i>. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Osofsky, H. M. (2003). Defining Sustainable Development after Earth Summit 2002. <i>LA Int'l & Comp. L. Rev.</i>, 26, 111.</p> <p>Baviskar, A. (1999). <i>In the Belly of the River: Tribal Conflicts over Development in the Narmada Valley</i>. Oxford University Press.</p>
Evaluation	CIA(Presentation/Project): 20 marks End-Sem: 80 marks