GEOP2050

Environment and Society

Session 1, Infrequent attendance, North Ryde 2020

Department of Geography and Planning

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General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
40cp at 1000 level or above

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
With an emphasis on the Australasian region, this exciting interdisciplinary unit explores how societies and ecologies are entwined and develops creative ways of approaching environmental dilemmas. Bringing together geographic perspectives from the sciences, social sciences, and humanities, it examines the concepts of environment, sustainability, and society, together with their past and possible future socio-political and economic framings. The historical and contemporary contexts of key environmental issues in Australia are explained along with their connections to global events and perspectives, including climate change, invasive species, water management, environmental protection movements, and links between consumption and production. Current planning frameworks and management processes, including legal and legislative mechanisms are also considered, along with emerging strategies and social movements that aim to address existing and expected problems.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are

available at https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

> **ULO1:** Critically examine the mutually shaping forces of societies and ecologies in producing environmental dilemmas
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> **ULO2:** Explain the significance of historical and contemporary contexts to environmental issues at different scales
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> **ULO3:** Identify, and critically examine, key environmental issues
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> **ULO4:** Evaluate and respond to diverse perspectives and approaches to environments, societies and sustainability
>
> **ULO5:** Engage with advanced concepts and academic texts
>
> **ULO6:** Assess, sort, and synthesise information in presentations, small group discussions, and written work

Assessment Tasks

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Assessment details are no longer provided here as a result of changes due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Students should consult iLearn for revised unit information.

Find out more about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and potential impacts on staff and students

General Assessment Information

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All assignments are to be submitted via Turnitin, the university online submission and marking system - found as a link in iLearn. Turnitin includes Grademark, a paperless grading system where your assignments are marked by staff online. Submissions are also checked for plagiarism by Turnitin. Turnitin automatically compares your work to the work of your classmates, previous students and material available on the internet. Hard copies of assignments are no longer accepted and will not be marked.

For more information on Turnitin and Grademark: http://mq.edu.au/iLearn/student_info/assignments.htm

DEADLINES, EXTENSIONS AND PENALTIES

Deadlines set for assignment submissions will not be altered except in exceptional circumstances. In all cases, extensions must be supported with appropriate documentation (medical certificate, counsellor's certificate, statutory declaration). All extensions must be applied

for and granted through the special consideration process. See the Special Consideration Policy https://students.mq.edu.au/study/my-study-program/special-consideration

Extensions will not be granted in cases of poor time management. Only the Unit Convenor can authorise extensions.

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply – two (2) marks out of 100 will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and (b) no assignment will be accepted seven (7) days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – e.g. quizzes, online tests.

Students who fail to complete and submit ALL assignments for the Unit may not receive enough marks to pass the unit. Penalties will also be incurred for plagiarism, that is, the use of another persons' work and presentation as your own (see University Policies and http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html).

GRADING

Each assignment will be marked, commented upon and returned to you via Turnitin and Grademark. Grading is conducted in line with the universities grading policy (http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html)

Delivery and Resources

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Any references to on-campus delivery below may no longer be relevant due to COVID-19.

Please check here for updated delivery information: https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit_status

Technology

GEOP2050 has a website which is accessible via www.mq.edu.au/iLearn. Here you can get access to unit materials, copies of lecture slides, notices and a general discussion place to pose questions to staff.

Students are not required to acquire any technology for this unit but are expected to access the iLearn site and to use computers to produce their assignments.

Lecture and tutorials

This unit will run as a lecture series (2 x 1hour lectures weekly), and a tutorial program (1 session weekly). **Please note that all students can also listen to or download digital audio recordings of lectures on iLearn through Echo360. Copies of lecture slides will also be made available through iLearn.**

It is important for externally enrolled students to participate in tutorial facilitation via the online tutorial sessions **each week**. In weeks 2-9 randomly chosen students will be leading class discussions. It is therefore essential that all enrolled students are prepared (by having done the

readings) and ready to participate in the tutorial program. Students will also be assigned in weeks 10-12 to present their podcast as part of the oral presentation and provide written response to classmates' questions.

Your weekly participation in online tutorials will be recorded and will comprise 15% of your grade for the unit. Facilitation is demonstrated by making one substantive post to each of the weekly online tutorial discussions in iLearn. Prolonged silences will be treated as non-facilitation. You are required to submit a disruption to studies to cover any prolonged absences. Please note that **iLearn does track online activity - so logging in at the end of the semester and doing all your posts in one session will not work.**

Unit Schedule

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GEOP2050 lecture and tutorial schedule

Week	Date	Lecture Schedule (subject to change)	Tutorial	Assessments
1	26 Feb	Environment and Society (EO)	*No tutorials*	
Part 1: Politics and ethics				
2	4 March	Political ecology (DH)	Politics and environments	
3	11 March	Political ecology of cities (DH)	Cities, ecology, and power	
4	18 March	Environments and ethics (DH)	Ethics and ecology	
Part 2: Commodities and globalisation				

5	25 March	Circulations (EO)	Power and movement	
6	1 April	Place and production (EO)	Place and production	
Part 3: Social movements and values				
7	8 April	Climate migration and disasters (EO)	Essay preparation	**Essay due** (35%): 5pm, Thursday 9 April
Mid-session break: 11 April to 26 April				
8	29 April	Protected areas and biodiversity (EO)	Politics of protected areas	
9	6 May	Species protection and eradication in Australian history (EO)	Protection and eradication	
Part 4: Emergent pathways				
10	13 May	Water and society (EO)	Student presentations	**Oral presentation** (20%): weeks 10-12
11	20 May	More-than-human and multispecies worlds (DH)	Student presentations	
12	27 May	Alternative economies and degrowth (EO)	Student presentations	

13	3 June	Synthesis and exam preparation (EO)	*No Tutorials*	**Final exam** (30%): In exam period
Examination period: 8 June to 28 June				

Dr. Emily O'Gorman – EO   Associate Professor Donna Houston - DH

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- Academic Appeals Policy
- Academic Integrity Policy
- Academic Progression Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Fitness to Practice Procedure
- Grade Appeal Policy
- Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public
- Special Consideration Policy *(**Note:** The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.)*

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the Student Policy Gateway (https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct

Results

Results published on platform other than eStudent, (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA

student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Getting help with your assignment
- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- Subject and Research Guides
- Ask a Librarian

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Changes from Previous Offering

Some changes to the lecture schedule have been made in accordance with the University's curriculum renewal process.

Changes since First Published

Date	Description
18/02/2020	Needed to change essay due date as it fell on a public holiday
10/02/2020	A few dates corrected on the lecture schedule