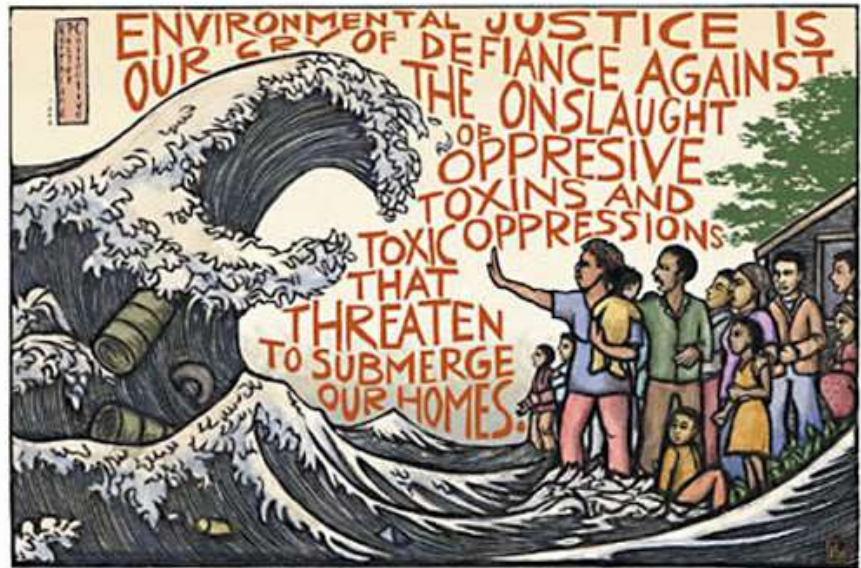


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CSUS 491: Topics in Environmental Justice



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Course Description

This course engages environmental problems, community responses, and policy debates regarding “environmental justice” (EJ) issues. In this course we will examine the historical sociopolitical and socioeconomic conditions, domestically and abroad, which led to the formation of the current environmental justice movement. We will explore theoretical and empirical conceptualizations of environmental justice from a range of disciplinary perspectives, including environmental studies, economics, critical theory, indigenous studies, and others, and their applications to real world environmental justice conflicts. This course will present research on distributions of environmental quality and health, enforcement of regulations, access to resources to respond to urban and industrial problems, and the broader political economy of decision-making around environmental and health issues.

The course seeks to prepare students to critically analyze environmental justice conflicts and the response by stakeholders in resolving those conflicts, as well as community and government responses to environmental injustices. Students will have the opportunity to assess recent strategies to promote more ecologically sound and socially just development, as well as develop frameworks for imagining strategies for resolving as-to-yet open environmental conflicts.

Course Information:

Meeting times: MW 3 – 4:20PM