Critical Debate in Environment and Development



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This course is designed to draw students into debates in Environment and Development which are of currently of critical importance, and to be able to take a 'critical' perspective to them - that is to understand the different perspectives taken and the different values which they embody. Topics will include (provisionally – Order will change):

- 1 Introduction (JF) [Political Ecology and Historical Ecology]
- 2 Climate Change and Agriculture(PR)
- Biofuels, Agriculture and the new 'Land Grab' (JF)
- 4 Global Food Security (and how to feed 9 billion by 2050)(PR)
- Nature[™] Inc.: Payment for Ecosystem Services, the nature market and 'green grab' (JF)
- 6 Forest conservation and carbon offsetting: will REDD+ work? (JF)
- 7 Environment and conflict: are there links? Is climate change a security issue? (JF)
- 8 'Managing climate risks: forecast based actions and serious games' (DK)
- 9 'Floods of migrants? Unpacking fears of the impact of climate change on migration' (DK)
- 10 'Resource conflicts and indigenous struggles' (Anna Laing)
- 11 TBA

Each week there will be a one hour lecture, after which students will prepare for a two hour workshop