

Environmental Protest: Past and Present (013GS)

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Module description

In December 2016 the first Climate Emergency Declaration was made, this marking the emergence of a new wave of globally-coordinated and high-profile environmental protests. Yet such protests over human-induced climate change represent the latest in a long line of organised protests concerned with the protection and preservation of local and international environments, and an even longer history of resistances to changes in the local environment. This module analyses the causes, objectives, forms of organisation, methods and modes of protest, and effectiveness of a range of environmental protests over the last 300 years and over a range of spatial scales.

Module content

This is a brand-new module for the 23-24 AY and is the only module exploring environmental protests of the past and the present holistically taught in any discipline in the UK. The module blends a study of concepts and applications, drawing on material from the past 300 years (or so) and from across the globe. The precise nature of the content might vary, but the following list is indicative:

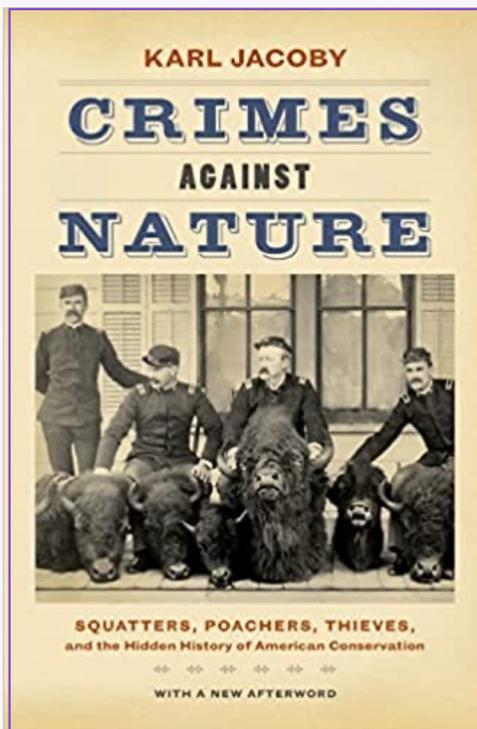
Moral ecology: local environmental ethics/The emergence of environmentalism/The rise of green politics/Environmental Direct Action/Peasant protest as environmental protest/Globalising environmental protest/Climate change as colonialism: decolonising climate

Format and assessment

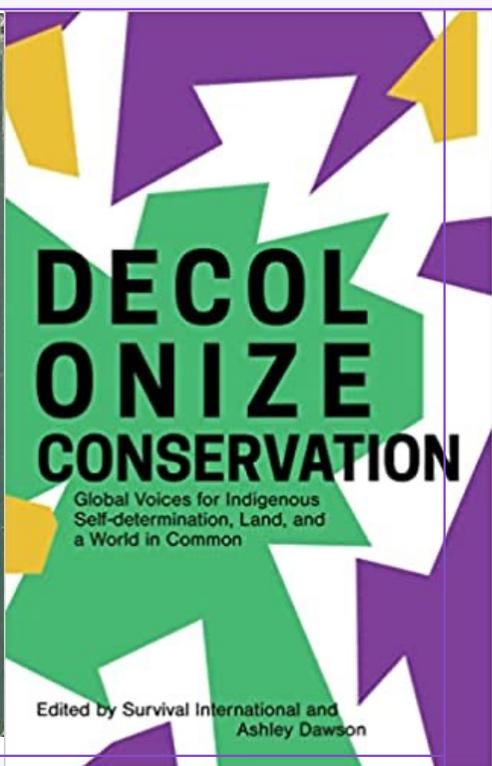
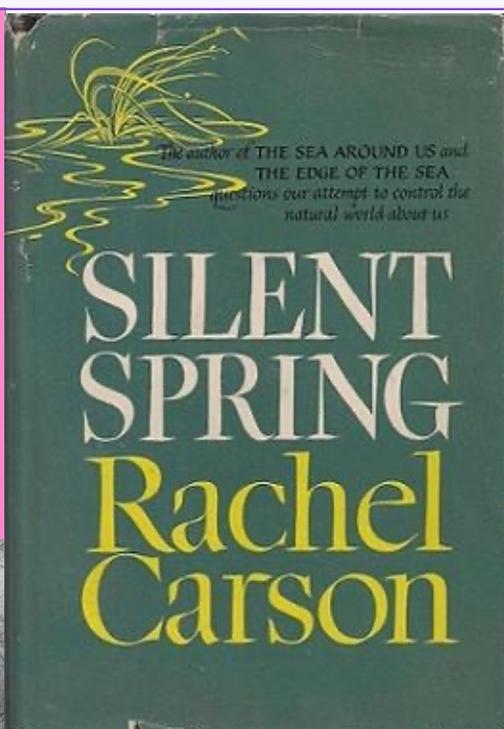
In weeks *one to six and eight to ten* we will focus on substantive concepts and applications, the class being divided into a lecture component and a seminar section (in which students in groups will give flash presentations developed in class). Week *seven* will be devoted to the report (see below) and week *eleven* to the portfolio (see below).

Week 8: 2,000 word 'Report' on any environmental protest of your choosing (analysing the mission ('purpose'); organization; methods (protest); and effectiveness)

Assessment Block: Portfolio (20 entries on varying aspects of environmental protest)



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Indicative reading