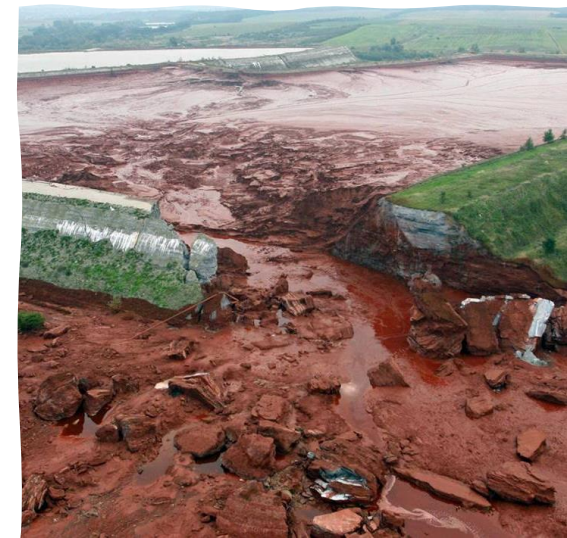
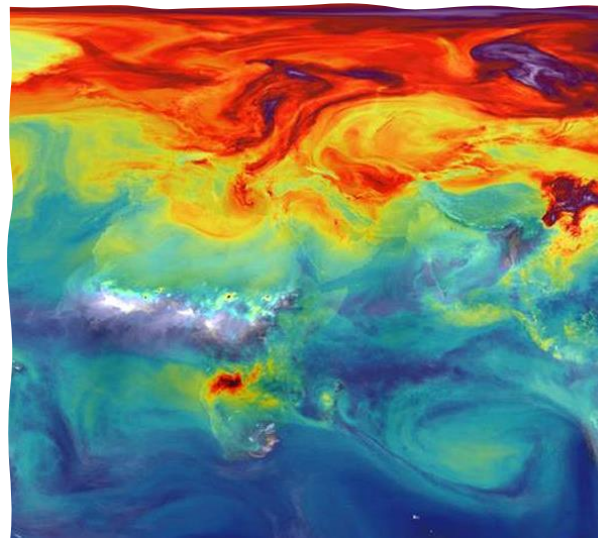
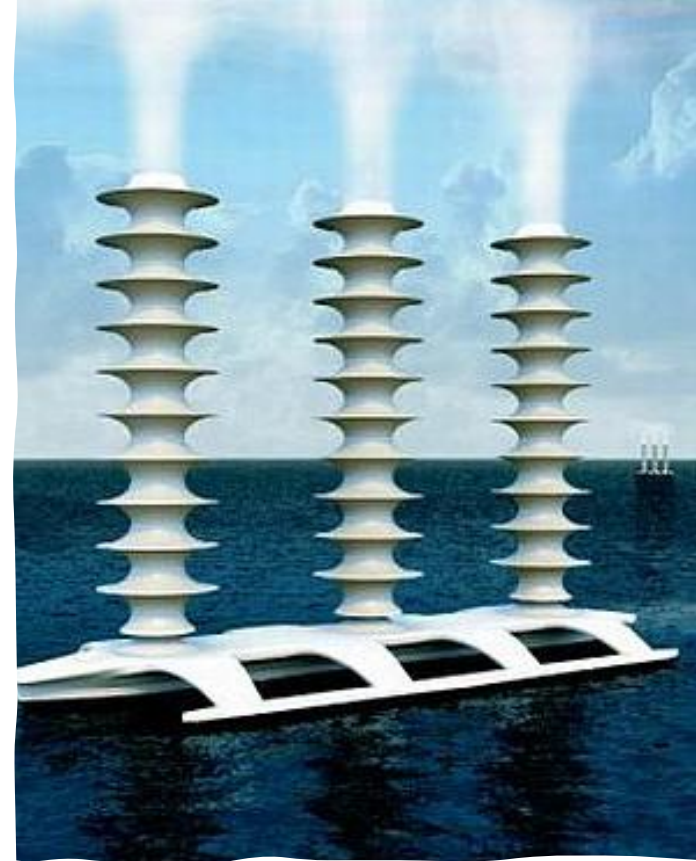


# Political Economy of the Environment (2021/22)

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# Description

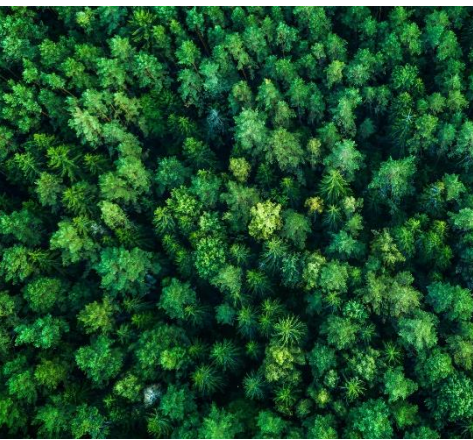
This module introduces students to a political-economy perspective on key issues of the global environment. It attempts to move beyond the limitations of conventional political and economic analyses in coming to terms with the threats of environmental degradation and climate change. The module taps into a broader type of ethical, natural and social theorisation that defined an earlier tradition of political economy.

This is not a module on environmental or resource economics, though these will be examined during the term. Rather, this module tries to understand social production as much more than a series of market relations. It tries to develop a broader socio-cultural understanding of production that 'de-naturalises' the way we view and exploit the natural world.

# Redesigned

In 2020/21 the module was revamped. New topics were introduced, including geoengineering, automobility, global value chains, and global health (next slide).





# Topics for 2021

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What is Political Economy of the Environment?

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Environmental and Ecological Economics

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PE of Climate Change

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Energy and Energy Transitions

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Automobility and Sustainable Transportation

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Global Health and the Environment

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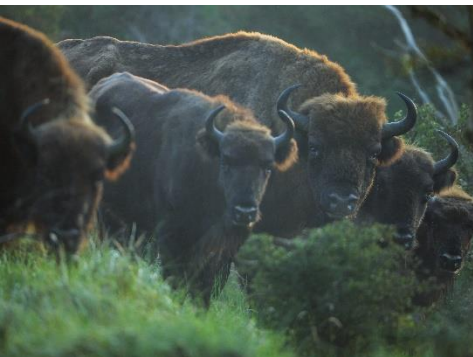
Global Value Chains and the Environment

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Land Use and Land-Use Change

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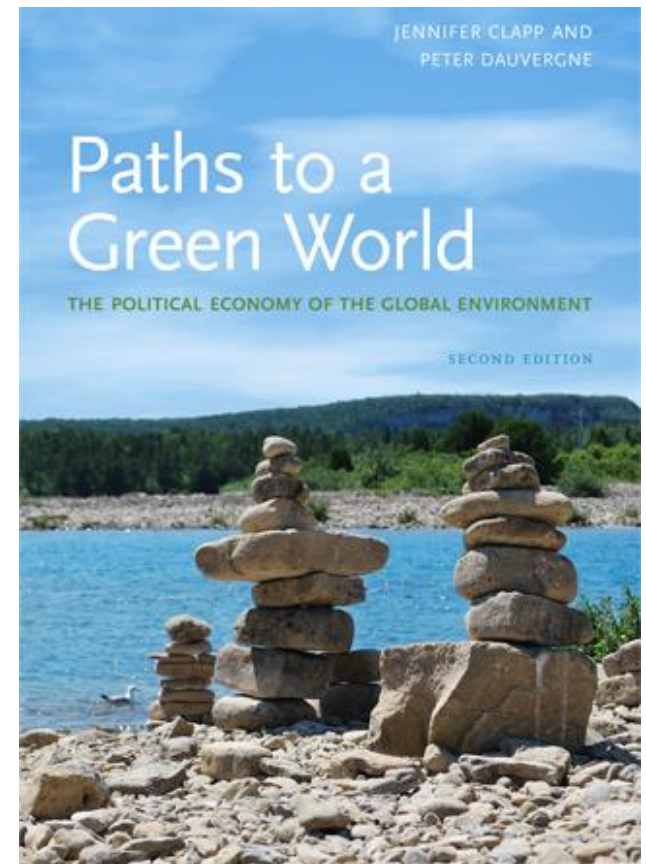
Geoengineering and Environmental Futures



# Teaching Mode and Assessment

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- Teaching:
  - Three hour blended interactive lecture and seminar
- Assessment:
  - 1500-word essay (30%) on set question
  - 3500-word term paper (70%) on topic of your choosing
- Preliminary Reading:
  - Clapp and Dauverge (2011) Paths to a Green World



# About Earl

- I've been teaching political economy of the environment for many years here at Sussex, and previously at the University of East Anglia
- My research is in the area of critical global political economy. In my work, I employ depth psychology in illuminating the unconscious dynamics of political, economic and social behaviour.

**Get in  
touch!**

I'm happy to discuss the module with interested students. Feel free to get in touch, and we can arrange a brief online meeting.

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# Further Reading

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