



**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 module explores environmental protests of the past and the present holistically – and is the only such module 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:

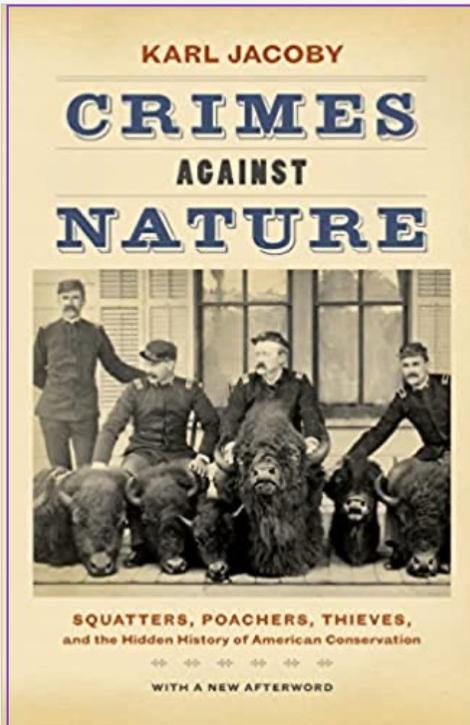
Moral ecology: local environmental ethics/The emergence of environmentalism and eco-criticism/The rise of green politics/Environmental Direct Action/Globalising environmental protest/Climate change as colonialism: decolonising climate/Protest and the law

Format and assessment

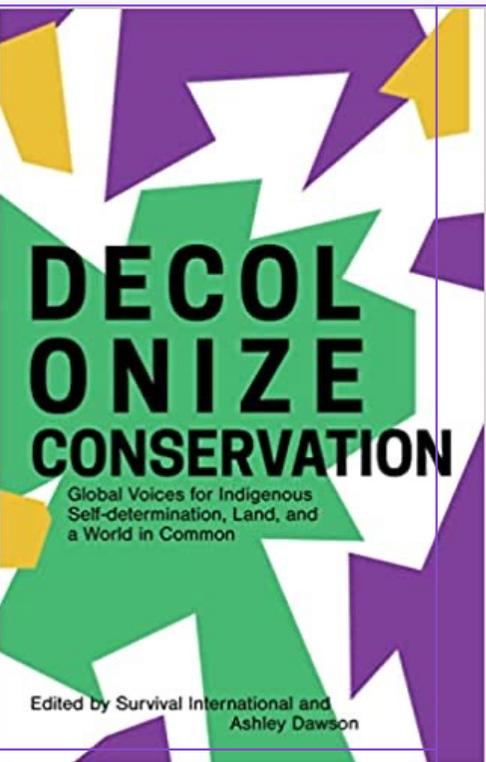
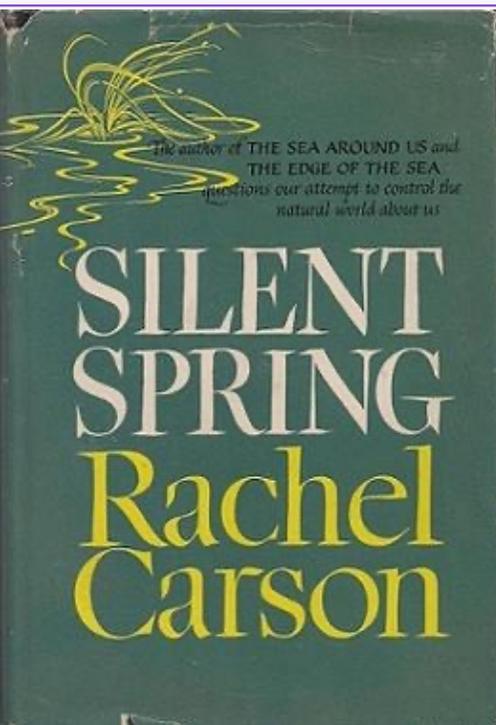
In weeks *one and two* we will focus on concepts and theories. Thereafter the classes consider examples of environmental protest, the class being divided into a lecture component and a seminar section (in which students in groups will give flash presentations developed in class).

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

Assessment Block: Portfolio (in the form of an 'A-Z' of environmental protest)



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Indicative reading

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