E8: Environmental Anthropology

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**Credits:** 1 credit (16 contact hours)

**Duration of the course:** 14th August – 30th September 2014

**Time and Days:** 2:00pm – 3:50pm on Thursdays

**Course Description:**
The focus of Environmental Anthropology is more on contemporary environmental issues. Its approach has been more of an applied, critical and sometimes advocacy oriented.

The substantive aim of this course is to develop an anthropological insight into interdisciplinary study of Human-environment related issues. The focus will be on most important environmental issues facing the contemporary world today and the theoretical and practical tools being used by anthropologists to address and research them.

The course will consist of eight modules. There would be at least two papers in each module.

**Assessment Protocol / Evaluation Scheme:**

Total marks= 100,

Class Attendance=10 marks, Class participation= 20 marks, Assignment Presentation (seminar)= 30 marks, Assignment Report submission= 40 marks.

Students will be required to present a seminar and submit a report on a particular topic of their interests in environmental anthropology through an individual research paper.

**Course Format**

This would be a critical thinking course based primarily on readings and class discussion, and occasionally presentations by the instructor. Every student would require reading and coming prepared to discuss the material for each class period. Though the course syllabus will be followed as indicated below, yet some readings and/or guest lectures can be added as deemed necessary as the course develops.

1. **Origin and history of environmental anthropology and recent trends (14th August 2014)**
2. Cultural Diversity and Perception of environment (21st August 2014)


3. Environmental Discourse (28th August 2014)


5. The power of knowledge production and Biodiversity as a cultural and political discourse (11th September 2014)

- Haenn, N. (September 01, 1999). The Power of Environmental

6. Anthropology and Eco-theology (18th September 2014)


7. Risk Society and Anthropology (25th September 2014)


8. Climate Change and Anthropology (30th September 2014)