

CGS 110 Intersectional Struggles for Environmental Justice

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200-320PM
Center Hall 224A



Colonial, capitalist and imperialist exploitation of and damage to the environment, including toxic pollution from mines and factories, and global patterns of damage to biodiversity, and water, soil and climate systems, negatively impacts communities that have relationships with and depend on environmental systems, giving rise to environmental injustices. These injustices lead to community-based resistance movements seeking justice and forcing the exploiting entities to react, by accommodating, co-opting and/or repressing the movements.

In CGS 110, we will explore how this coupled system of environment, exploitive capitalism, injustice and resistance developed historically, as well as alternative historical pathways, with an emphasis on how community-led, intersectional resistance movements reveal exploitation and injustice, propose remedies and apply pressure to bring about change. Themes that will be stressed include local community capacity and knowledge, science's part in both facilitating exploitation and remediating some of its effects, the academic study of environmental justice, the roles of racism, patriarchy and ableism in creating and maintaining environmental injustices, and solidarity with impacted communities.

CGS 110 is open to all UCSD students with upper-division standing. You need not have taken a CGS course previously, and no particular background knowledge will be assumed.

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