

Course Name	Sociology of Development		
Semester, Year	Second Semester, 2018	Number of Credits	2 credits
Course level	6000	Course Number	27082
Instructor(s) (Institution)	Masatoshi SASAOKA (大学院文学研究科)		
Course Objectives	<p>The field of political ecology has emerged in geography, cultural ecology, and political economy since the 1970s. Political ecology is characterized as an academic approach focusing on 'politics' ---the practices and processes through which power, in its multiple forms, is wielded and negotiated ---in the attempt to understand how human- environment interactions are linked to environmental degradation.</p> <p>To be more concrete, increasingly pluralistic in its conceptual moorings, the aims of political Ecology include understanding 'the complex relations between nature and society through a careful analysis of . . .access and control over resources and their implications for environmental health and sustainable livelihoods' and explaining 'environmental conflict especially in terms of struggles over 'knowledge, power and practice' and 'politics, justice and governance" (Watts, 2000).</p> <p>We will read a book or articles (all available online) of political ecology. Through text reading and discussion, we will learn key concepts, perspectives, and methods of political ecology.</p>		
Course Goals	<p>Students who successfully complete this course will be able to</p> <p>(1) understand the importance of political ecological approach in exploring underlying causes of environmental degradation in various parts of the world, especially in developing countries (2) discuss key concepts, perspectives, and methods of political ecology with other participants in English (3) apply knowledge on political ecology to his/her own research for master's thesis or dissertation</p>		
Course Schedule	<p>Week 1 : Introductions (overview of course) Week 2- Week 14: Text reading & research progress report Week15: Synthesis and course conclusion</p>		
Homework	<p>It is essential that each participant come well-prepared for discussions. I expect that everyone will actively participate in the discussions. Each reporter is required to read carefully the assignments and prepare a summary of the text in which he or she describes questions and comments that further your own intellectual development and that of the group.</p>		
Grading System	<p>Grade will be determined on the basis of quality of presentation and how actively participate in discussion.</p>		
Textbooks / Reading List			
Websites			
Website of Laboratory			
Additional Information	<p>Several students may not be fluent in Japanese. Each participant is strongly encouraged to prepare his/ her resume in English and discuss in English.</p>		