

**Title of the course: Introduction to political ecology.**

**Name of the Chair of the course: Luigi Pellizzoni (University of Pisa)**

**Name of the Visiting Fellow: Kyra Grieco (EHESS)**

**Year of the course and semester: Autumn semester 2021**

**ECTS credit: 6**

**Number of hours: 42**

**General information and objective of the course :**

The objective of the course is to introduce the student to main debates and issues characterizing the perspective of political ecology.

**Course Descriptions:**

This course proposes an introduction to political ecology as an interdisciplinary field characterized by a focus on the political dimension of ecological issues. It will present the characteristics of an approach centred on environmental justice will be and the main contributions to political ecology have, such as Eco Marxism, ecofeminism and decolonial studies. A genealogical approach will be adopted in order to understand the current conjuncture, with particular attention to new « prefigurative » mobilizations, the narration and discussions on the Anthropocene, the biopolitics and emerging tendencies in the valorization of nature and anticipatory government of incertitude. Particular attention will be dedicated to conflicts surrounding the extraction of natural resources. The presentation of particular ethnographic case-studies will allow to exemplify and discuss the theoretical controbutions presented.

**Methodology :**

The course will take place in the form of frontal lessons, occasionally supported by material such as slides, videos and website analysis, as well as by expert participation, in particular that

of Dr. Kyra Grieco, visiting scholar at the Department of Political Science. The interaction with teachers will take place during visiting hours and email.

### **Required Texts:**

1) Martinez-Alier, J. (2009), *L'ecologia dei poveri*, Milano, Jaca Book (obbligatorio)

2) Benegiamo, M. (2021), *La terra dentro il capitale*, Napoli, Orthotes (obbligatorio)

### **3) One of the following texts (Prof. Pellizzoni):**

- Asara, V. (2020), *Democrazia senza crescita. L'ecologia politica del movimento degli Indignados*, Roma, Aracne.

- Chirolì, R. (2017), *Ora e sempre no Tav*, Milano-Udine, Mimesis.

- Cooper, M., Waldby, C. (2015), *Biolavoro globale*, Roma, Derive/Approdi.

- Leonardi, E. (2017), *Natura, lavoro valore. André Gorz tra marxismo e decrescita*, Napoli, Orthotes.

- McMichael, P. (2016) *Regimi alimentari e questioni agrarie*, Torino, Rosenberg & Sellier.

- Moore, J. (2015), *Ecologia-mondo e crisi del capitalismo*, Verona, Ombre Corte.

### **4) One of the following texts (Dr. Grieco) :**

- Casafina, Francesca, 2018. Alcune riflessioni su corpo, genere e ambiente in America latina. *La camera blu. Rivista di studi di genere*, pp. 169-193.

- Cometti, Geremia, 2019 « Cosmopolitica del cambiamento climatico tra i Q'eros delle Ande peruviane », in Emanuele Fabiano e Gaetano Mangiameli, *Dialoghi con non-umani: addomesticare, sedurre, trasformare*, Milano, Mimesis Edizioni, p. 99-118.

- de Ambroggi, Camilla, 2020 « La rinfigurazione delle lotte indigene contro l'estrattivismo nella Bolivia plurinazionale » in *Logistica e America Latina*, serie I Quaderni di Into the Black Box, pp. 47-97

- Grillini, Filippo, 2021 « Popoli indigeni brasiliani e conflitti socio-ambientali : suggestioni etnografiche su nuovi protagonismi e prospettive emergenti », *Antropologia* N. 8/2, pp. 37-64.

- Meloni, Greta, 2021 « Una pianta che non deve stare lì. Giustizia ambientale e autoctonia nella Sardegna meridionale », *Antropologia* N. 8/2, pp. 65-84. Tassan, Manuela, 2016 « Identità "ecologiche" e aree protette: una prospettiva antropologica sulle lotte per i diritti delle "popolazioni tradizionali" in Brasile », in *Brasile, Palaver* 5, pp. 113-144

### **Pre-requisites, exams and assessment :**

*Pre-requisites:*

Basic knowledge of sociology. Preferable to have already followed the course in Sociology of Environment and Territory.

*Assessment:*

The course assessment is composed by a written and an oral exam.

The written exam consists in a test with open questions, to be carried out in about one hour. The results are valid only for the exam session in which the test is taken. The professor evaluated the completeness and congruence of the answers to the questions, in order to admit to the oral test.

The oral exam consists in a discussion of the written test results and in a conversation that mainly centers on the optional text chosen by the student. In this case too the completeness and congruence of the answers provided will be evaluated by the professor.

**Professor' s office hours:**

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