

GEOG 340: ENVIRONMENTAL GEOGRAPHY



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How Do We Understand Human-Environment Relationships?

Diverse Perspectives & Theories:

- Environmental Ethics
- Environmental Justice
- Scarcity: Population vs. Consumption
- Environmental Hazards & Risks
- Institutions (Regulations, Laws & Norms)
- Economic Markets
- Environmental Commodities
- Political Economy

The Cosmic Perspective



- <https://www.haydenplanetarium.org/tyson/essays/2007-04-the-cosmic-perspective.php>

Is it possible to separate the environment and society?



How do we build resilience to climate change?

CNN Health • Food • Fitness • Wellness • Parenting • Vital Signs Live TV U.S. Edition

Puerto Rico's new Hurricane Maria death toll is 46 times higher than the government's previous count

By Leyla Santiago, Catherine E. Shoichet and Jason Kravitz, CNN
Updated 6:25 PM ET, Tue August 20, 2018

Puerto Rico increases Hurricane Maria death toll to 2,975

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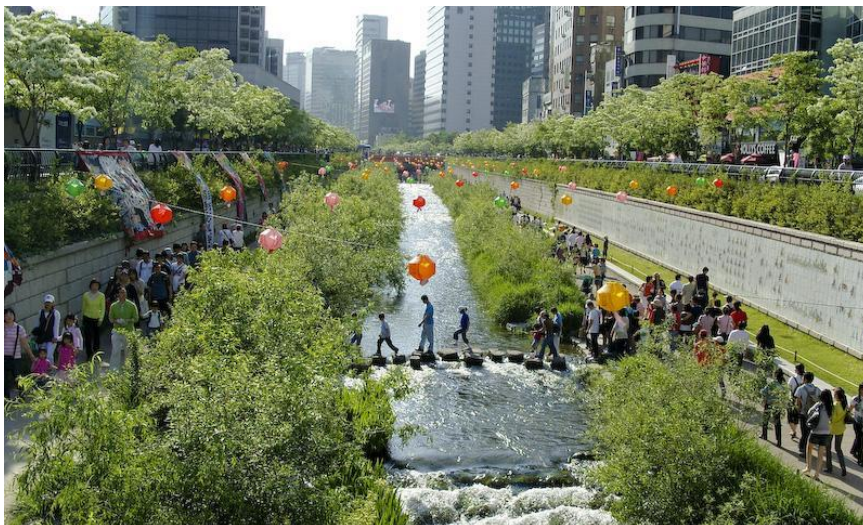
Hurricane Maria




The island authorities have struggled to repair infrastructure and the power grid and need \$139bn in recovery funds.

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What role should humans play in changing, maintaining, or repairing environmental systems?



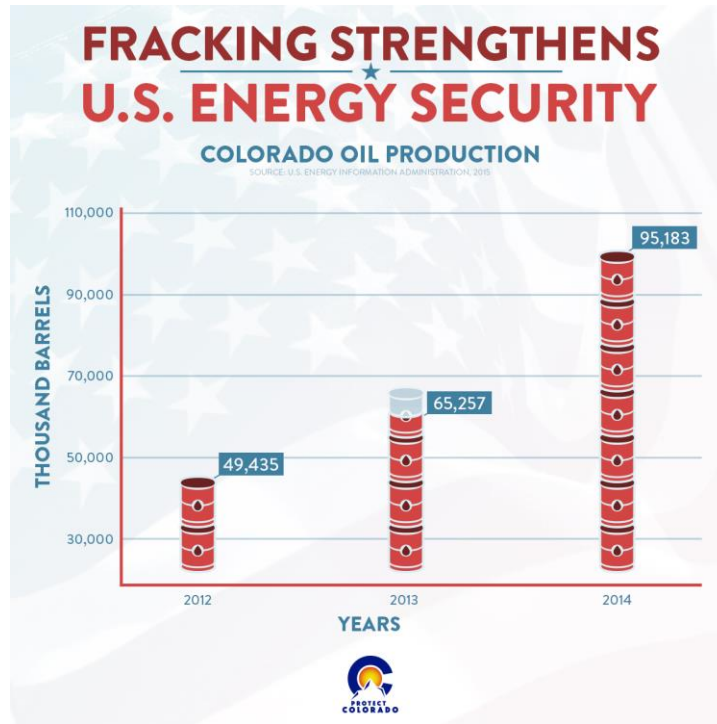
Cheonggyecheon River Restoration Project, Seoul, South Korea

Why do so many conflicts exist over environmental resources and animal rights?



Example: Hydraulic Fracturing (aka Fracking)



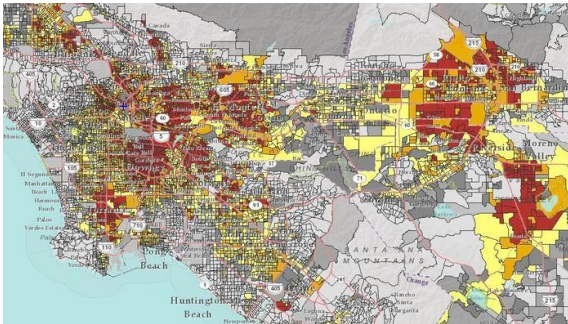


Why are environmental injustices experienced by some people in some places and not by others?



Source: Aljazeera News

Environmental Injustice in Los Angeles



Red and orange shows census block groups in Southern California where close proximity to federal Superfund sites overlaps with a high percentage of low-income and minority residents
(Map Source: Environmental Protection Agency)

