



UNSW Course Outline

ARTS3750 Development, Community and Environment - 2024

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General Course Information

Course Code : ARTS3750

Year : 2024

Term : Term 1

Teaching Period : T1

Is a multi-term course? : No

Faculty : Faculty of Arts, Design and Architecture

Academic Unit : School of Social Sciences

Delivery Mode : In Person

Delivery Format : Standard

Delivery Location : Kensington

Campus : Sydney

Study Level : Undergraduate

Units of Credit : 6

Useful Links

[Handbook Class Timetable](#)

Course Details & Outcomes

Course Description

Are you interested in understanding and tackling important environment-development challenges in the 21st century? Do you think a community-based approach to development and environment management delivers more sustainable and equitable outcomes? The course interrogates these

and many more critical questions surrounding the community-based approach to development and environmental management. The course exposes you to a sophisticated understanding of the current development and environment issues affecting the well-being of local communities in Australia and developing countries. Specifically, the course provides you with the necessary theoretical background as well as a set of case studies to understand and tackle real-world environmental and development challenges. Through this course, you will have an opportunity to integrate social, economic and environmental aspects of development and environmental issues, and the concepts are discussed through the lens of sustainable development from a societal perspective.

Course Aims

Course Learning Outcomes

Course Learning Outcomes
CLO1 : Explain the range of development and environmental approaches, concepts, issues and responses in relation to the sustainable development of local communities, taking into account diverse cultures, contexts and Indigenous knowledges and practices.
CLO2 : Analyse community-based development and environmental programs using case studies and identify potential options to address challenges facing the local communities.
CLO3 : Apply the skills and techniques required for doing critical social science research and analysis independently, and in a team environment, and demonstrate an appreciation of the opportunities and challenges in professional work.
CLO4 : Demonstrate effective communication and critical thinking skills and commitment to ethics, respect and accountability in engaging with culturally diverse stakeholders involved in community-based development and environmental management.

Course Learning Outcomes	Assessment Item
CLO1 : Explain the range of development and environmental approaches, concepts, issues and responses in relation to the sustainable development of local communities, taking into account diverse cultures, contexts and Indigenous knowledges and practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Essay• Group Presentation• Case Study Report
CLO2 : Analyse community-based development and environmental programs using case studies and identify potential options to address challenges facing the local communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Essay• Group Presentation• Case Study Report
CLO3 : Apply the skills and techniques required for doing critical social science research and analysis independently, and in a team environment, and demonstrate an appreciation of the opportunities and challenges in professional work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case Study Report
CLO4 : Demonstrate effective communication and critical thinking skills and commitment to ethics, respect and accountability in engaging with culturally diverse stakeholders involved in community-based development and environmental management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Essay• Group Presentation• Case Study Report

Learning and Teaching Technologies

Moodle - Learning Management System | Blackboard Collaborate

Additional Course Information

N/A

Assessments

Assessment Structure

Assessment Item	Weight	Relevant Dates
Essay Assessment Format: Individual	30%	Start Date: Not Applicable Due Date: 15/03/2024 11:59 PM
Group Presentation Assessment Format: Group	20%	Start Date: Not Applicable Due Date: Not Applicable
Case Study Report Assessment Format: Individual	50%	Start Date: Not Applicable Due Date: 26/04/2024 11:59 PM

Assessment Details

Essay

Assessment Overview

Students are required to write an individual essay on conceptual advances in community-based approach to environment and development management. This essay should be up to 1000 words in length excluding references. The specific questions for this essay, assessment criteria and standards are outlined in the course outline and discussed with the students at the beginning of the semester. Essay will be marked and feedback provided online.

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Detailed Assessment Description

Marking rubrics will be uploaded in the Course's moodle site.

Assessment Length

1,000 words

Submission notes

All assessments must be submitted electronically only, through the relevant assessment TurnItIn portal in Moodle. There is no hard copy submission required.

Assessment information

Submission due 15 March by 11.59pm

Choose ONE question from the list of questions and write an essay. The paper is up to 1,000 words in addition to references.

Does decentralised natural resource management lead (do not lead) to more equitable outcomes? Explain with examples. The SDGs has the ambitious overall aim to “leave no one behind”. Do you agree or disagree that it has been delivering this promise for local communities? Why is community participation in NRM often associated with elite domination? What are the ways to solve the problems of elite domination?

A suggested structure of an essay might be:

- Introduction (~200 words)
- First topic/theme/argument with supporting evidence and your analysis (~200 words)
- Second topic/theme/argument (~200 words)
- Third topic/theme/argument (~200 words)
- Conclusion (~200 words)
- References

Assignment submission Turnitin type

This assignment is submitted through Turnitin and students can see Turnitin similarity reports.

Group Presentation

Assessment Overview

Students will be required to work in a group throughout the semester and deliver a group presentation in the class. Assessment criteria and standards are clearly outlined in the course outline and discussed with the students at the beginning of the semester. Mark and feedback on presentation will be provided on and after the presentation.

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community-based development and environmental management.

Detailed Assessment Description

A marking and feedback form will be uploaded to the Course's moodle site.

Assessment Length

Approx. 30 minutes of group presentation plus Q & A panel, slides and a summary

Submission notes

As assigned to each group

Assessment information

Group Presentation (20%) due on the specific date for each group

Group members work together in the development and sharing of a Group Presentation on the specific topic above as selected or assigned to them by the lecturer. The presentation includes a brief introduction of the team members first, followed by all members sharing the presentation in class. The duration of the presentation is expected to be about 30 minutes. After this presentation, the lecturer will moderate the Q&A panel discussion session in which the presenting group members will answer the questions raised by the audience in class/ online (approx. 20 minutes). On the next day from the presentation day, one of the group members will upload the presentation PowerPoint slides to the course's Moodle site, together with a 300 words presentation summary to initiate further discussion on the topic online.

Each member of a group will receive equal mark. Hence, each group member is expected to contribute equally to the development and sharing of the presentation. It is up to the group members to mobilise the member in deciding strategies – e.g., who is going to present which section, and how, and how they are going to organise group activity prior to and during the presentation, and how they are going to engage with the class and in Moodle by posing questions to stimulate thinking and discussion. It is important that group members actively engage in asking and answering questions in the Q&A panel session.

Assignment submission Turnitin type

This is not a Turnitin assignment

Case Study Report

Assessment Overview

Students are required to write a case study report of 1500 words. It involves the analysis of a

case study related to any one of the themes: community participation, decentralisation, equity, food security, disasters and urbanisation, in a country (or a region). Assessment criteria and standards are clearly outlined in the course outline and discussed with the students at the beginning of the semester. Case study report will be marked and feedback provided online.

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Detailed Assessment Description

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Assessment Length

1,500 words

Submission notes

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Assessment information

Submission due on 26 April 11.59pm

This case study analysis report provides you with the opportunity to investigate in some depth an issue of your interest within a country's context and write a report. You have the choice of selecting ONE TOPIC from the followings and develop a case study report:

Local leadership for accountable disaster management: Lessons from [a project/ program/ policy] in [a country] (in the Asia Pacific region) Planning for inclusive climate change adaptation: Role of local governments [from a developing country (or in Australia)] In search of local voices: indigenous knowledge in land/ nature management in Australia, or NZ, or another country Women's voices and choices: Enhancing representation of women in decision making of [a project/ program/ policy] in [a country] (in the Asia Pacific region) Engaging with

the neoliberal markets: Can local communities identify and exploit market opportunities in the age of climate change? Addressing centralisation within decentralisation: How and why to solve the problems of elite capture?

The suggested outline for the report might be as below:

1. Introduction - provide a brief background of the topic, and include a brief literature review of the topic to identify the angle of your report, highlighting the problems and formulating a set of objectives of your report. You provide a structure to the report according to the ideas you will present. (~300 words).
2. Description of the case study description and overview of problems and opportunities – Identify a case study project or program from a country or a region, and gather relevant information from websites, articles and reports. You could use the map, pictures and figures to show the nature and pattern of the issues under consideration. The purpose here is to provide a context of the problems. Depending on the angle you have chosen that is, focus of your analysis, you might like to discuss the broad issue and then three specific sub-issues (~200 words).
3. Evidencing and analysis of problem 1: Gather relevant evidence and analyse these to develop arguments on how and why this problem has emerged and evolved, and provide a brief thoughts on how to solve this problem for the benefit of local communities (~200 words).
4. Evidencing and analysis of problem 2: Gather relevant evidence and analyse these to develop arguments on how and why this problem has emerged and evolved, and provide a brief thoughts on how to solve this problem for the benefit of local communities (~200 words).
5. Evidencing and analysis of problem 3: Gather relevant evidence and analyse these to develop arguments on how and why this problem has emerged and evolved, and provide a brief thoughts on how to solve this problem for the benefit of local communities (~200 words).
6. Finding solutions and making recommendations: Based on the analysis of problems, now you are coming to the stage where you can draw on some literature and link the ideas from the literature to propose viable solutions. Your recommendations must be substantiated by evidence, and are well-argued and convincing with the support of your data as well as ideas from the papers (~200 words).
7. Conclusions: You need to provide a summary of your key ideas and synthesize why and how your report and recommendation is credible. You need to make some statements on the

implications of your recommendations to the policy and practice affecting local communities (~200 words).

8. References: Include a full and accurate references of the materials used in this report. (excluded from word budget)

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General Assessment Information

Assessments should be referenced in accordance with the School of Social Sciences Referencing Guide, available at <https://socialsciences.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/resources/policies-guidelines/>.

Grading Basis

Standard

Requirements to pass course

Achieve at least 50% out of 100.

Course Schedule

Teaching Week/Module	Activity Type	Content
Week 1 : 12 February - 18 February	Seminar	<p>14 Feb</p> <p>Week 1: Topic: Introduction: 'Local communities' in Development and Environmental Management – 'just Sustainability'?</p> <p>Are local communities important for sustainable development? What are the pitfalls and potentials of communities? The first part of this introductory seminar will explore a range of issues and opportunities for local communities in the age of sustainable development. We will discuss a broad framework for ARTS3750, highlighting some critical themes for working towards environmental justice for the local communities.</p>
	Workshop	<p>The second part of this seminar will be a workshop on the course information and learning strategies, including assessment. In particular, the lecturer will elaborate the structure of the seminars and group work as well as online learning activities, that are vital to this course.</p>
Week 2 : 19 February - 25 February	Seminar	<p>21 Feb</p> <p>Week 2: Topic: Sustainable development Goals (SDGs): Visionary blueprint for local communities?</p> <p>This week will provide a historical and contemporary look at sustainable development. The SDGs were meant to be the bold, visionary successor of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which was criticised for lacking in concrete implantation and guides. With 231 indicators, the SDGs is meant to be a blueprint for global sustainable development and to left no one behind. But just how much influence do the SDGs have in the space of international development policies? With 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development less than ten years away, this week we will examine SDGs contributions to development policies, its critics and what can be done to ensure the vision is on track. In doing so, we will discuss some of the emerging and existing debates that are critical for international development policy makers to contemplate? Our focus will be to discuss whether, how and why SDGs serving (or not serving) the poorest and disadvantaged communities in developing countries. In the second part of the seminar, we will go through a set of examples of group presentations from the previous years. These presentations will demonstrate different ways of developing a group presentation. Student groups are encouraged to think creatively to develop an engaging and interesting presentation.</p>
	Group Work	<p>Examples of group presentations:</p> <p>In the second part of the seminar, the lecturer will go through a set of examples of group presentations from the previous years. These presentations will demonstrate different ways of developing a group presentation. Student groups are encouraged to think creatively to develop an engaging and interesting presentation.</p> <p>Group finalisation:</p> <p>We will finalise the group membership and the topic for each group to work together, if not done already.</p>
Week 3 : 26 February - 3 March	Seminar	<p>28 Feb</p> <p>Week 3: Topic: Decentralisation & Ownership of Natural Resources: 'Fair' Devolution of power and resources to the communities?</p> <p>In a global movement promoting democracy, justice and sustainability, decentralisation has become the centre-piece of policy reforms around the world. Decentralisation is the process where a central government relinquishes some of its management responsibilities or powers to local governments, local leaders, or community institutions. Decentralisation has been advocated for a range of reasons, such as improving efficiency, equity and sustainability, democratisation and people's participation rural development, public service performance and helping to increase the legitimacy of government. However, decentralisation can occur in ways that leaves the status quo – central government dominance in decision making – largely unchanged, with little benefit to the environment or local empowerment. Optimism of community empowerment has been tempered by the reality of rigid and inequitable local social mechanisms, structures, and relations such as social identity, coercion and trickery and material wealth. Decentralisation can also occur when power is devolved to the local level, but local elites capture most power and benefits. Sometimes, powerful individuals may control resources, even against the rules produced by the local council, broader society, or state. This seminar explores these and more issues within the frame of what Hardin forcefully argued within the idea of 'The tragedy of the commons.'</p>
	Group Work	<p>Group Presentation and Q&A Panel by Group 1 - INDONESIA</p> <p>Topic: Decentralisation in Indonesian NRM: Unpacking local accountability</p> <p>Group members work together in the development and sharing of a Group</p>

		<p>Presentation on the topic above. The presentation includes a brief introduction of the team members first, followed by all members sharing the presentation in class. The duration of the presentation is expected to be about 30 minutes. Following this presentation, the lecturer will moderate the Q&A panel discussion session in which the presenting group members will answer the questions raised by the audience in class/ online (approx. 20 minutes). One day after the presentation day, one of the group members will upload the presentation PowerPoint slides to the course's Moodle site, together with a 300 words presentation summary to initiate further discussion on the topic online. A folder will be created in the course's Moodle site to upload your presentation slides and summary. Please note that this is a group assessment task with 20% weight. Due for upload: 29 Feb by 11.59pm (penalty applies for late submission).</p>
Week 4 : 4 March - 10 March	Seminar	<p>6 Mar Week 4: Topic: Tyranny of community participation: Who participates, who profits? Public participation is important for developing and implementing development and environmental policies but is often failing both local communities and the environment. Globally, the question of how local communities organise and work effectively to deliver social and environmental benefits remains an enigma, despite many years of development research and practice. Does policy process provide an open a political space to disadvantaged groups and individuals to participate? Do government agencies ignore and co-opt marginalised groups to reinforce existing inequitable relations? What are the pitfalls and potentials of public participation to realise transformative change in international development policy and practice? This seminar explores these questions and many more with a view to search for transformative participation.</p>
	Group Work	<p>Group Presentation and Q&A Panel by Group 2 - THAILAND Topic: Irony of Thailand's community-based biodiversity conservation: who wins, who loses? Group members work together in the development and sharing of a Group Presentation on the topic above. The presentation includes a brief introduction of the team members first, followed by all members sharing the presentation in class. The duration of the presentation is expected to be about 30 minutes. Following this presentation, the lecturer will moderate the Q&A panel discussion session in which the presenting group members will answer the questions raised by the audience in class/ online (approx. 20 minutes). One day after the presentation day, one of the group members will upload the presentation PowerPoint slides to the course's Moodle site, together with a 300 words presentation summary to initiate further discussion on the topic online. A folder will be created in the course's Moodle site to upload your presentation slides and summary. Please note that this is a group assessment task with 20% weight. Due for upload: 7 Mar by 11.59pm (penalties apply for late submission).</p>
Week 5 : 11 March - 17 March	Seminar	<p>13 Mar Week 5: Topic: Indigenous Knowledge in Australian's NRM – whose knowledge counts? Environmental policies and practices are often driven by technical knowledge, undervaluing local and indigenous knowledge and the knowledge from social sciences. As a result, indigenous knowledge is not effectively utilised and local culture ignored. In this seminar, we explore the politics of knowledge and ideas of science-policy interface, and then discuss insights from a case study which demonstrate how and why indigenous knowledges are not effectively utilised in the natural resource management policies and practices in NSW Australia.</p>
	Group Work	<p>Group Presentation and Q&A Panel by Group 3 - NEW ZELAND Topic: Whether and why is New Zealand's engagement with effective in NRM? Lessons for Australia Group members work together in the development and sharing of a Group Presentation on the topic above. The presentation includes a brief introduction of the team members first, followed by all members sharing the presentation in class. The duration of the presentation is expected to be about 30 minutes. Following this presentation, the lecturer will moderate the Q&A panel discussion session in which the presenting group members will answer the questions raised by the audience in class/ online (approx. 20 minutes). One day after the presentation day, one of the group members will upload the presentation PowerPoint slides to the course's Moodle site, together with a 300 words presentation summary to initiate further discussion on the topic online. A folder will be created in the course's Moodle site to upload your presentation slides and summary. Please note that this is a group assessment task with 20% weight. Due for upload - 14 Mar by 11.59pm (penalties apply for late submission).</p>
	Assessment	<p>Essay: All assessments must be submitted electronically only, through the relevant assessment TurnItIn portal in Moodle. There is no hard copy submission required.</p>
Week 6 : 18 March - 24 March	Online Activity	Week 6: Flexi Week (no seminar/ group work this week)

		In this week, each student will have an opportunity to catch up with readings and undertake critical self-reflection on their learning in this course. Please share your reflection in the Course's Moodle site and ask any questions if you like.
Week 7 : 25 March - 31 March	Seminar	<p>27 Mar</p> <p>Week 7: Topic: Politics of participation and wicked deliberation: Local struggles in Sydney's Malabar Headlands</p> <p>Urban environments and communities are often confronted with multiple and at times incommensurable interest sets that do not lend themselves to straightforward solutions. This seminar explores wicked problems and the struggles of local communities in Eastern Sydney to stop harming the environment at Malabar Headland. Many scholars have highlighted why do higher levels of governments often attempt to ignore community interest, while urban communities tend to be disorganised to fight for their rights. However, the case of Malabar shows something interesting – urban communities fighting for their environmental concerns for decades and finally forcing the governments to address their concerns. In this seminar, we will explore historical complexities and power dynamics of local struggle in Malabar Headland.</p>
	Group Work	<p>Group Presentation and Q&A Panel by Group 4 - BANGLADESH</p> <p>Topic: Politics of climate change adaptation – Nurturing local leadership?</p> <p>Group members work together in the development and sharing of a Group Presentation on the topic above. The presentation includes a brief introduction of the team members first, followed by all members sharing the presentation in class. The duration of the presentation is expected to be about 30 minutes. Following this presentation, the lecturer will moderate the Q&A panel discussion session in which the presenting group members will answer the questions raised by the audience in class/ online (approx. 20 minutes). One day after the presentation day, one of the group members will upload the presentation PowerPoint slides to the course's Moodle site, together with a 300 words presentation summary to initiate further discussion on the topic online. A folder will be created in the course's Moodle site to upload your presentation slides and summary. Please note that this is a group assessment task with 20% weight. Due for upload - 28 Mar by 11.59pm (penalties apply for late submission).</p>
Week 8 : 1 April - 7 April	Seminar	<p>3 Apr</p> <p>Week 8: Topic: Gendered community and urbanising poverty: Resurgent women voices in India's slums development</p> <p>Achieving gender equality and justice in global development has long been considered as vital for sustainable development. However, challenges remain for gender to be recognised meaningfully by powerful donors and policy makers. This week, we will discuss different notions of justice and equity, and why gender is important, what are the key strategies for gender to be integrated. The case of gendered water access in a slum of Bhopal India will be discussed.</p>
	Group Work	<p>Group Presentation and Q&A Panel by Group 5 - THE PHILLIPPINES</p> <p>Topic: Gender and Slums - Lessons from a slum development in Manila</p> <p>Group members work together in the development and sharing of a Group Presentation on the topic above. The presentation includes a brief introduction of the team members first, followed by all members sharing the presentation in class. The duration of the presentation is expected to be about 30 minutes. Following this presentation, the lecturer will moderate the Q&A panel discussion session in which the presenting group members will answer the questions raised by the audience in class/ online (approx. 20 minutes). One day after the presentation day, one of the group members will upload the presentation PowerPoint slides to the course's Moodle site, together with a 300 words presentation summary to initiate further discussion on the topic online. A folder will be created in the course's Moodle site to upload your presentation slides and summary. Please note that this is a group assessment task with 20% weight. Due for upload - 4 Apr by 11.59pm (penalties apply for late submission).</p>
Week 9 : 8 April - 14 April	Seminar	<p>10 Apr</p> <p>Week 9: Topic: (Un)accountable foreign aid and community-based disaster governance: Local champions in Nepal's disaster recovery</p> <p>International support during the time of humanitarian disasters has been crucial to respond and recover, but its effectiveness has been widely questioned. Transparency and accountability of donors have been frequently questioned. This seminar explores, with a case study of Nepal's earthquake recovery practices, a range of questions such as what humanitarian policies' relationship to international development is; how do global, universal humanitarian policies translate into local context, and how and why local leadership is more pronounced during the time of response and recovery than external forces.</p>
	Group Work	<p>Topic: Global responses to local impacts: Lessons from recovery practices of Sri Lankan Tsunami</p> <p>Group members work together in the development and sharing of a Group</p>

		Presentation on the topic above. The presentation includes a brief introduction of the team members first, followed by all members sharing the presentation in class. The duration of the presentation is expected to be about 30 minutes. Following this presentation, the lecturer will moderate the Q&A panel discussion session in which the presenting group members will answer the questions raised by the audience in class/ online (approx. 20 minutes). One day after the presentation day, one of the group members will upload the presentation PowerPoint slides to the course's Moodle site, together with a 300 words presentation summary to initiate further discussion on the topic online. A folder will be created in the course's Moodle site to upload your presentation slides and summary. Please note that this is a group assessment task with 20% weight. Due for upload -11 April by 11.59 (penalties apply for late submission).
Week 10 : 15 April - 21 April	Seminar	17 Apr Week 10: Topic: Wrapping Up: Transforming community participation This week will be a reflection on the topics covered throughout the term, with thoughts on how and why to transform the role and possibilities of local communities in development and environment management, and how and why each student could become a community champion for change! We will also have some time for critical self-reflection using the 3-2-1 exercise, combined with the completion of the end of term survey.
	Group Activity	The 3-2-1 Reflective Practice Session: Students will work in their groups and individually reflect on the followings: 3: Three critical ideas/ theories learned from the course's seminar 2: Two issues they have enjoyed working in the group work 1: Burning question that they will further work in their studies and work. After the group reflection, each group will share a summary of their discussion, highlighting the contribution made by the course in their overall learning journey.

Attendance Requirements

Students are expected to participate actively in all learning and teaching activities offered face to face. Students are expected to be regular and punctual in attendance at all classes in the course. All applications for exemption from attendance at classes of any kind must be made in writing to the Course Convenor.

The School of Social Sciences guidelines on attendance are available at <https://socialsciences.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/resources/policies-guidelines/>.

This course may be offered face to face only.

General Schedule Information

This Course is offered F2F only, on wednesdays 2-5pm at Goldstein G01.

Course Resources

Prescribed Resources

Week 1 (Feb 14): Introduction: 'Local communities' in Development and Environmental Management – 'just Sustainability'?

Required reading: Dressler, W., Buscher, B., Schoon, B., Brockington, D., Hayes, T., Kull, C.,

McCarthy, J. and Shrestha, K. K. (2010), From hope to crisis and back again? A critical genealogy of the global CBNRM narrative, *Environmental Conservation*, 37(1): 5–15.

Suggested Reading: Agyeman, J. (2005), Where justice and sustainability meet, *Environment*, 47: 10–24.

Mansuri, G. and Rao, V. (2004), Community-based and-driven development: A critical review, *The World Bank Research Observer*, 19(1): 1

Week 2 (Feb 21): Sustainable development Goals (SDGs): Visionary blueprint for local communities?

Required Reading: Watch the keynote address by Jonathan Glennie at the 2020 Australasian Aid Conference (from 1:45 in the segment) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bkosBGHR0x0>

Suggested reading: Moyer, J. and Hedden, S. (2020), Are we on the right path to achieve the sustainable development goals? *World Development*, 127: 104749.

Sneddon, C., Howarth, R. and Norgaard, R. (2006), Sustainable development in a post-Brundtland world, *Ecological Economics* 57: 253–268.

Week 3 (Feb 28): Decentralisation and ownership of NRM: 'Fair' Devolution of power and resources to the communities?

Required reading: Ribot, J., Agrawal, A. and Larson, A. (2006), Recentralizing while decentralizing: How national governments reappropriate forest resources. *World Development*, 34(11): 1864-1886

Suggested Reading: Sahide, M., S. Supratman, A. Maryudi, Y.-S. Kim and L. Giessen (2016), Decentralisation policy as recentralisation strategy: forest management units and community forestry in Indonesia, *International Forestry Review*, 18(1): 78-95.

Gallemore, C., M. Di Gregorio, M. Moeliono and M. Brockhaus (2015), Transaction costs, power, and multi-level forest governance in Indonesia, *Ecological Economics*, 114: 168-179.

Week 4 (March 6): Tyranny of community participation: Who participates, who profits?

Required Reading: Cornwall, A. (2008), Unpacking 'Participation': models, meanings and practices', *Community Development Journal*, 43: 269-283.

Suggested reading: Bennett, N. J. and P. Dearden (2014), Why local people do not support conservation: community perceptions of marine protected area livelihood impacts, governance and management in Thailand, *Marine Policy*, vol. 44, pp. 107-116.

Millner, N., Peñagaricano, I., Fernandez, M. and Snook, L. K. (2020), The politics of participation: Negotiating relationships through community forestry in the Maya Biosphere Reserve, Guatemala, *World Development*, 127, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2019.104743>.

Week 5 (March 13): Indigenous Knowledge in Australian's NRM – whose knowledge counts?

Required Reading: Adeyeye, Y., Hagerman, S., and Pelai, R. (2019), Seeking procedural equity in global environmental governance: Indigenous participation and knowledge politics in forest and landscape restoration debates at the 2016 World Conservation Congress, *Forest Policy and Economics*, 109, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.forepol.2019.102006>;

Suggested reading: Backstrand, B. (2003), Civic science for sustainability: Reframing the role of experts, policy-makers and citizens in environmental governance, *Global Environmental Politics*, 3 (4): 24-41.

Addition, J., Stoeckl, N., Larson, S., Jarvis, D [Bidan Aboriginal Corporation](#), [Bunuba Dawangarri Aboriginal Corporation](#), [Ewamian Aboriginal Corporation](#), [Gooniyandi Aboriginal Corporation](#), [Yanunijarra Ngurrara Aboriginal Corporation](#), and Esparon, M. (2019), The ability of community based natural resource management to contribute to development as freedom and the role of access, *World Development*, 120: 91-104.

Week 6 (March 20): Flexi Week (no seminar/ online tutorial this week)

In this week, students will have an opportunity to catching up with readings and undertake critical self-reflection on their learning in this course. Please share your reflection and ask any question you may have in the Course's moodle site.

Week 7 (March 27): Politics of participation and wicked deliberation: Local struggles in Sydney's Malabar Headlands

Required Reading: Shrestha, K. and Dee, J. (2008), Planning for sustainable development: Investigating environment-development decision making in Sydney's Malabar Headland, *Dialogues in Urban Planning: Towards Sustainable Regions*, Sydney University Press, Sydney: Gilmour and Blakely (eds.), pp. 3-26.

Suggested Reading: Shrestha, K. & Mahjabeen, Z, 2011, 'Civil science, community participation and planning for knowledge-based development: analysis of Sydney Metropolitan Strategy', International Journal of Knowledge-Based Development, vol. 2, no. 4, pp. 412 – 432.

Xu, J. (2016), Environmental discourses in China's urban planning system: A scaled discourse-analytical perspective, Urban Studies, vol. 53, no. 5, pp. 978-999.

Week 8 (April 3): Gendered community and urbanising poverty: Resurgent women voices in India's slums development

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Week 10 (April 17): Wrapping Up: Transforming community participation

This week will be a reflection on the topics covered throughout the term, with thoughts on how and why to transform the role and possibilities of local communities in development and environment management, and how and why each student could become a community champion for change!

Recommended Resources

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Course Evaluation and Development

Student feedback is gathered periodically using, among other means, UNSW's myExperience process. Informal feedback and class-generated feedback are important. A brief survey will be conducted around the middle of the semester to identify areas of student issues. Analysis of feedback will inform the reasonable adjustment of course content and delivery where possible.

Student feedback is taken seriously, and continual improvements are made to the course based in part on such feedback. Changes to the course will be introduced to subsequent cohorts of students taking the course.

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Other Useful Information

Academic Information

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Please see: <https://www.unsw.edu.au/arts-design-architecture/student-life/resources-support/protocols-guidelines> for essential student information relating to:

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- enrolment information;
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The UNSW Academic Skills support offers resources and individual consultations. Students are also reminded that careful time management is an important part of study. One of the identified causes of plagiarism is poor time management. Students should allow sufficient time for research, drafting and proper referencing of sources in preparing all assessment items. UNSW Library has the ELISE tool available to assist you with your study at UNSW. ELISE is designed to introduce new students to studying at UNSW, but it can also be a great refresher during your study.

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- analyse topics, plan responses and organise research for academic writing and other assessment tasks
- effectively and efficiently find appropriate information sources and evaluate relevance to your needs
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- better manage your time
- understand your rights and responsibilities as a student at UNSW
- be aware of plagiarism, copyright, UNSW Student Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use of UNSW ICT Resources Policy
- be aware of the standards of behaviour expected of everyone in the UNSW community

- locate services and information about UNSW and UNSW Library

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As AI applications continue to develop, and technology rapidly progresses around us, we remain committed to our values around academic integrity at UNSW. Where the use of AI tools, such as ChatGPT, has been permitted by your course convener, they must be properly credited and your submissions must be substantially your own work.

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