Group Presentations

Rice Cultures 2019

In these presentations, you will engage with *one concept* that is drawn from the reading of *that week* and apply the concept to help elucidate a contemporary issue in the sustainability of human-environment relations (**outside of the food and agriculture sector**). As an example, if I was presenting this week, I could introduce and explain Clifford Geertz’s idea that swidden farming is a ‘canny imitation’ of the natural ecosystem of the rainforest, and then use this to elucidate ‘biomimicry’ architecture and design. The presentation must be brief, only **ten minutes**. Since each group has at least 4 teammembers, you will have to coordinate closely to create a single, coherent presentation.

Worth: 20% of overall grade.

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1. Engages audience (Clear and loud speaking voice, not reading from notes or phone, eye contact, develops rapport with audience, etc.)
2. Presentation is attractive, creative and clear
3. References and sources are properly cited

CONTENT

1. Discussion of theory, concept, or method from the assigned reading is accurate and well-informed
2. Compelling and persuasive use of theory, concept, or method to increase our understanding of a sustainability issue in contemporary society
3. Questions raised for discussion are provocative and merit further discussion

All will be graded on a 5 point scale for a total of **30 points**.

0 Absent/None

1 Minimal effort

2 Poor

3 Average/adequate

4 Good

5. Excellent performance

Please be sure to **e-mail me a copy of the presentation before class.**