

Course Description Form

Course number and section: WRLD 440-001

Course Topic: From Forests to Oceans: Ecological Cartographies of the “Global South”

Credits: 3 credits

Term: Term 2

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The environmental humanities — that is, the study of nature through humanistic disciplines such as literature and history — has long been dominated by texts and theories from privileged sections of Europe and North America. However, alternative understandings of our natural world, including the role of living beings within it, have always existed. This course explores the oceans, mangroves, deserts and forests of the world through literature (e.g. novels, spoken-word poetry, documentary film) emerging from regions popularly known as the “Global South.”

Tentative Reading List: (Be as concise as possible with your reading list, but please also specify the genre of each required text. See sample below)

Examples of texts we will explore together include:

1. Ghosh, Amitav. *The Hungry Tide* (2006) – novel
2. Santos Perez, Craig. *Selected Poetry* (various dates)
3. Devi, Ananda. *The Life of Madman Joe* (2003, trans. 2007) -- novella
4. Cravat, Marcy. *Angel Azul* – documentary (2014)

Other: