ENV481H1 Special Topics in Environment - Environmental Justice in an Age of Crisis:

This course examines the theory and practice of environmental justice in the Anthropocene. It begins by investigating key analytical dimensions of environmental justice including distribution, participation, recognition, and capabilities. We will then analyze the social construction of vulnerable actors - by class, gender, and race - who are at the forefront of environmental justice claims. We will connect normative principles and political claims of marginalized actors to the governance of intersecting crises such as biodiversity loss, toxic legacies of energy production, and climate change impacts. An environmental justice approach not only enables us to identify how inequalities are created and sustained but to also envision a more just and sustainable future.

Prerequisite: Completion of 10.0 credits including (ENV221H1, ENV222H1)

Distribution Requirements: Social Science