



Environmental Justice (7,5 ECTS credits)

Level: 1st cycle

Discipline: THEOLOGY (Theological Studies in Culture and Society, Systematic Theology)

Course ID: 0381

Admission requirements

General admission requirements for university studies. Students taking part in the course as a part of their Bachelor's degree program must have completed Course A, Introduction in Philosophy and Theology (30 ECTS credits). Students taking part in the course as a freestanding course are expected to have corresponding prior knowledge.

Educational goals

After having completed the course the students are expected to be able to:

- Elucidate and articulate the key theories and principles of environmental justice whilst considering potential alternative perspectives diverging from conventional justice theories;
- Scrutinise the role of actors, institutions, conditions and methodologies and approaches that both facilitate and impede the progress of environmental justice;
- Assess the role of environmental justice as an interpretative tool for understanding the dynamics between society and its surrounding environment;
- Connect the concept of environmental justice with the Christian idea of responsible ecological stewardship;
- Explain the concept of "social love" found in the Laudato Si' and the Catholic tradition and apply this concept to the legal context of the national and international community.

Course content

The course will explore the impact of climate change and ecological awareness on understanding the concept of justice. Using case studies from around the world, the course will shed light on the social dimension of sustainability and human rights. A connection will be made to Catholic social teaching about the importance of developing an integral approach to social justice as much as to ecology.

Teaching and examination

The course is taught in English. Teaching is given through lectures and discussion seminars in Uppsala. Students are expected to participate in class (10% of final mark), write one short assignment on a topic occurring during the course (20% of final mark) and take a written home exam at the end of the course (70% of final mark).

Bibliography

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See also "Kursplaner: allmänna bestämmelser" (Course plans: General rules)

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