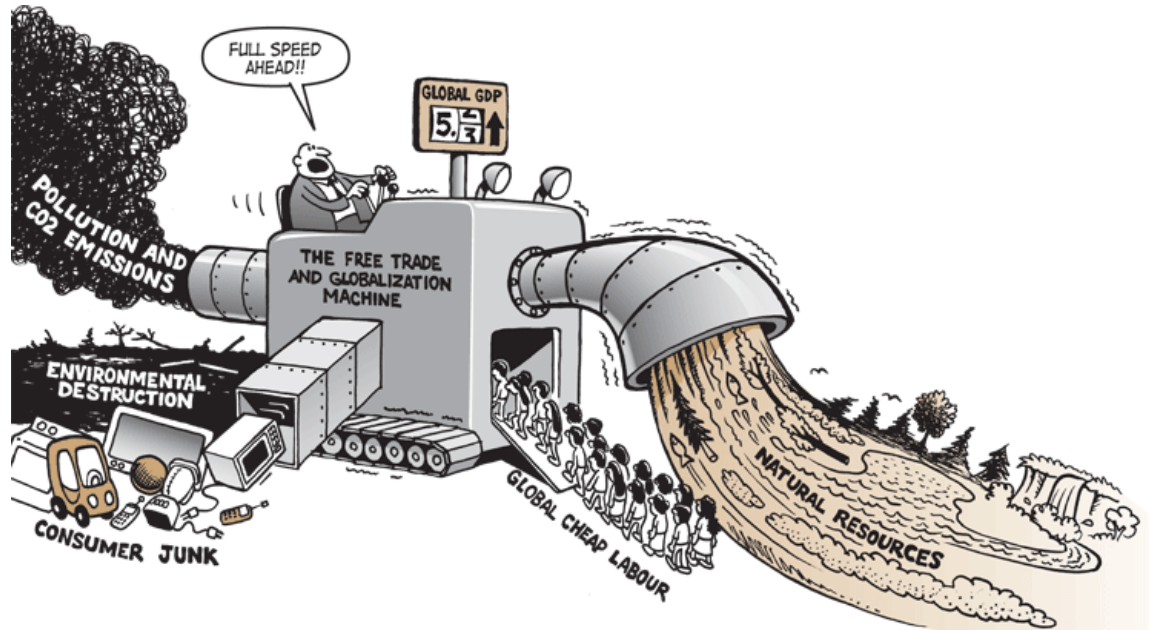


Overview of Course:

- I will give you my log in.
- I want weekly updates.
- Once we agree on a price, I will pay you halfway through and give you the rest when it is done.
- I want a A in this class
- You will have 6 packback submissions
- There is 1 exam at the end of semester
- This class runs from May 15- Until June 29th
- When given my information you have to promise that you will not use my information for other things or blackmail me.

ISS 310: People and Environment
The Nature of Our Times
Summer 2023 Syllabus

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Course Description

Extractivism, industrial food systems, runaway climate change, and the toxification of environments characterize the unsustainable nature of our times. No scale is left untouched by the environmental problems driven by an insatiable system predicated on growth. This course introduces students to conceptual frameworks that enable them to scientifically analyze current environmental issues. Specifically, we will focus on “degrowth” as an alternative path to a sustainable world.

Course Objectives:

1. Gain a social scientific understanding of societies and environments.
2. Determine how social structures and institutions, organizations, and individuals act in relation to the environment and environmental issues.
3. Evaluate different strategies of addressing environmental issues.

Course Readings:

Hickel, Jason. 2020. *Less is More: How Degrowth Will Save The World*.

Course Evaluation and Assignments

Students in People and Environment will be evaluated on the following:

Packback Submissions (6)	60 pts
Exam	40 pts
Total	100 pts

Grading Scale:	Letter Grade	Point Total
	4.0	90-100
	3.5	89-85
	3.0	84-80
	2.5	79-75
	2.0	74-70
	1.5	69-65
	1.0	64-60
	0.0	<60

Packback Submissions (60 pts)

Each week you will complete a Packback assignment in which you pose a question based on that week's reading. You will also respond to two classmates question. Responses should be minimum of 250 words. The deadline for question and responses is Sunday at 11:59 PM.

Exam (40 pts)

In the final week of the semester there will be a 40 multiple-choice question exam based on the course material. I will provide a live review session in Zoom in weeks 4 and 7 that is not required to attend.

****Extra Credit* (5 pts)***

An extra credit opportunity is available that requires you to read David Pellow and Hollie Brehm's "An Environmental Sociology for the 21st Century", a review of the field of environmental sociology. After completing the reading, address prompt detailed in our discussion board in D2L. If done well, you can earn up to 5 points.

Additional Information Related to Academic Performance

Late Assignments

I expect you to submit all assignments through D2L. There will be no make-up or late work accepted except in the case of documented, excused absences (e.g. severe illness, medical emergencies, death in the immediate family, observance of religious holy days). In emergency cases, students are expected to contact me within 24 hours of missing the assignment to make arrangements for completing the missed work. Failure to provide documentation of an excused absence will result in a grade of zero for the missed work.

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Reading Schedule

(Instructor reserves right to amend readings and exam dates)

Week 1, May 15-21: The Nature Of Our Times

Monday: Hickel, Jason. 2020. Introduction – Welcome to the Anthropocene

Week 2, May 22-28: Capitalism-Web of Life

Hickel, Jason. 2020. Chapter 1 Capitalism: A Creation Story.

Week 3, May 29-June 4: The Iron Law

Hickel, Jason. 2020. Chapter 2 Rise of the Juggernaut

Week 4, June 5-11: Technology Will (Not) Save Us

Hickel, Jason. 2020. Chapter 3 Will Technology Save Us?

Week 5, June 12-18: We Know What Works

Hickel, Jason. 2020. Chapter 4 The Secrets of the Good Life

Week 6, June 19-25: Building A Post-Capitalist World

Hickel, Jason. 2020. Chapter 5 Pathways to a Post-Capitalist World

Week 7, June 26-29: Everything is Connected

Hickel, Jason. 2020. Chapter 6 Everything is Connected

Exam June 28-29