



**Co-ordinated Arts Program
Nature And Society (NS)**
GEOG 121/GEOG122
Geography, Modernity and Globalization
2008W

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Climate change, deforestation and mad cow disease have become familiar phrases, but what are the issues behind the terms? We will explore the geography, history and theory of human-environment relationships from the eighteenth century to today, offering perspective on where we have been and where we are going. Case studies will illustrate the global forces that have shaped the modern world, including the rise of the nation-state, colonialism, migration and demographic change, urbanization, industrialization, changes in environmental thought, strands of contemporary environmentalism, and modern approaches to sustainability.

In this way, we will introduce you to human geography as an applied discipline via its sub-fields including historical geography, political geography, economic geography, and cultural geography. The class will interest those curious to know more about environmentally related career options. It is also a pre-requisite for a large number of senior level courses.

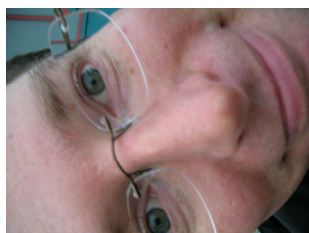
Book list:

Coming soon

INSTRUCTORS



Graeme Wynn is a geographer whose lifelong interest in human transformations of the earth has a strong historical dimension. His outlook is thoroughly interdisciplinary, rooted in geography and history and engaged with the environmental sciences. His early research interests were in eastern Canada, but they now encompass New Zealand, Australia and the rest of Canada. His most recent book, none of which you will be required to read for this course, is Canada and Arctic North America: an Environmental History. A former Associate Dean of Arts (Students), and currently Head of the department of Geography, Professor Wynn has been involved in several innovative educational initiatives at UBC and is immensely enthusiastic about this CAP section.



David Brownstein. David received his PhD in 2006 for an interdisciplinary study that examined the origins of British Columbia forest conservation. His teaching is geared to inspire, while his research in the historical geography of the environmental sciences is aimed at informing current management decisions. He has worked for Environment Canada, Parks Canada, the National Archives, and the UBC Botanical Garden. Recently David founded the environmental history consulting firm, Klahanie Research.