**QUEEN’S UNIVERSITY**  **WINTER 2023**

**DEPARTMENT OF GENDER STUDIES**

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| **Course Name:**  **BLCK 380 - Black Environmentalism: A Global South Perspective**  **Contact Hours:**  Lecture:  Office Hours: Monday 1:30 – 2:45 | |  | |
| **Course Description:**  The climate emergency, as well as environmental issues related to pollution, and other forms of environmental degradation from hydrocarbon extractive industries and intensified critical minerals exploration are global environmental problems that transcend geopolitical borders with uneven repercussions. These environmental problems have an outsized impact on Black, and other racialized populations, especially those in the global South who live in the areas most contaminated by dirty, heavily polluting industries, toxic waste dumping, sea level rises, deep and extensive droughts, and other adverse weather conditions. The climate crisis, and the various energy regimes that fuel it, as well as other global environmental problems, must also be examined as racial justice issues.  This course provides students with an interdisciplinary educational experience, focusing on the historical and contemporary environmental issues facing the global South today, including climate and environmental change, resource management (resource extraction and habitat conservation), toxic waste dumping, informal recycling economies, environmental (in)justice, etc. This course discusses practical methods for understanding and addressing contemporary environmental problems, using case studies from the global South. The course will adopt an interdisciplinary methodology drawing on literature from Racial Capitalism, Environmental Studies, Political Ecology, Black Ecopoetics, Black Studies, and Geographies, and more broadly. More specifically the course will focus on works from global South scholars. | | **Required Course Materials:**   * All readings are available through the library’s e-reserve. | |
| **Course Objectives:**  By the end of the course, students should be able to:   1. Explain key theoretical approaches and concepts in the field of Black Environmentalism and Ecologies 2. Explain the relation between race, colonialism, capitalism, and environmental destruction 3. Describe the causes and consequences of inequitable distributions of environmental harms. 4. Explain complex concepts in written and verbal formats 5. Develop critical reading skills, participate, and learn from class discussions and assigned readings | | **Course Evaluation: (Subject to Change)**    1) Learning Plan 5%  2) Reflection #1 5%  3) Midterm Assignment 20%  4) Reflection # 2 5%  5) Individual Class Presentation 15%  6) Annotated Bibliography (draft) 15%  7) Annotated Bibliography (final) 25%  8) Attendance & Participation 10% | |
| **Topics in Course Outline: (Subject to Change)**  Origins of Black environmentalism, specifically the relationship between Black people in. the global South and the environment, as well as creative expressions of Black environmentalism.   * Black Ecologies * Environmental Racism * Environmental Conservation * Environmental Justice * Waste Ecologies | * Green Economy * Resource Extraction * Wildlife Tourism * Environmental Politics * Public Health & the Environment * Informal Recycling Economies * Climate Change * Disaster Capitalism | |