

RELS 302: ENVIRONMENT AND INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGES

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This seminar is about how Indigenous peoples of different regions conceptualize and relate to their environment —or what we usually call “Nature” from a Western point of view. To undertake this cultural question, we will work on the idea of local knowledge, we will explore particular knowledges and practices that tell us about the hybrid forms of the environment in Indigenous settings, and we will develop an applied reflection on the rights of “Nature” —or the different elements that constitute the Indigenous environments.

Course Breakdown

Time Commitment per Week

We will read chapters and papers and make short reflections on them; we will follow lectures, hold collective discussions, invite guest speakers when possible, write individual analyses on films and videos, and have some moments of applied reflection and work in small groups to develop short written analyses about specific Indigenous environments. In addition, you will be individually meeting the professor to present your progress and to ask questions that help you prepare the final work.

**8-10
hours**

Prerequisite

Level 3

Grading

Participation (20%)
5 reading notes (20%)
2 short assignments (20%)
Final paper (40%).

Required Textbook/Materials

No