UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

# COURSE SYLLABUS

# Geography of The Environment and Environmental Policy

**2425-2-F8802N060**

## Learning objectives

1. To learn to reflect on the complex meaning of the concept of "territory" as a relational network and its configurations, especially in relation to place and environment.
2. To develop critical reading skills in environmentalism and environmental policies, especially as they relate to the coexistence of humans and other animals.
3. To learn to deconstruct the discourse on the environment produced by popular culture.

## Contents

A brief introduction to the theoretical content of the discipline and methodology of analysis will be followed by a critical analysis of the discourse on the environment and its evolution. Particular attention will be paid to the analysis of the discourse on the environment in relation to nonhuman anomalies, interspecific cohabitation, the power relationship that connects us to nonhuman animals and the forms of exploitation to which they are subjected. In the second part of the course, popular culture texts will be selected for group analysis to deconstruct the discourse on the environment produced and conveyed by them.

## Detailed program

The course is divided into three parts; the first includes an introduction to popular geopolitics and ecocritical geopolitics. The second focuses on the analysis of environmental discourses. The third, which is applied in nature, focuses on viewing and reading popular geopolitical texts from different sources.

## Prerequisites

none

## Teaching methods

in-person teaching: 70%
in-presence interactive mode: 30%

Interactive mode involves subgroup work, prepared and discussed during the course.

The percentage of each of the two types of didactics indicated is approximate and may be changed later

## Assessment methods

oral test, or, alternatively, discussion related to the critical analysis of one or more texts of popular culture (reserved to students who have taken the 75% of the lessons)

## Textbooks and Reading Materials

1. E. dell’Agnese, “Geografia politica critica”, Milano, Guerini, last edition
2. E. dell’Agnese, Ecocritical geopolitics, Routledge, 2021

3). Yi-Fu Tuan, Dominance and Affection: The Making of Pets, New Haven: Yale University Press

## Sustainable Development Goals

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