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SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

Cultural aspects of the climate crisis: meanings, denials and desires of environmental relatedness

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Titolo

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Lingua

English

Breve descrizione

Climate changes are a definitely a geophysical dynamic, but represent a very cultural and social issue in their impacts, causes and emotional dimensions. Departing from anthropological perspective, combined with tools of different disciplines of the human sciences that are reshuffling the nature/culture divide of modern carbon economy, we will analyze together the multiple cultural and symbolical aspect of environmental relatedness in different societies. This will allow to tackle issues, at the center of research in the Anthropocene, as cultural models of the environmental relatedness, petro-cultures, its symbolical apparatus and complicities, cultural processes of

denial and the social relations with/in the atmosphere.

Target audience

The course is transversal to all schools of PhD in presence: we'll make of the multiplicity of your disciplinary trajectories the focus, in relation to ideas and notions of "nature" and environment at stake

Both seminars will have a seminar setting with active participation and focus group. This impedes a hybrid setting and digital connection unfortunately.
The first 4 hours will be a laboratory setting where we will depart from your perceptions of climate changes (thus presence will be crucial), while the second part a following focus on some main aspects of the “unthinkable” of the climate crisis.
Here some main notions that will be at stake:
-the nature/culture dualism of our cosmology ijn comparison to others way of giving meaning to environmental relations and nonhuman actors
-social meanings of the athmosphere
-petro-cultures and symbolical meanings of fossul fuels and CO2

Seen the methodology used, the course, even more in its laboratorial aspects, it requests an active presence in class of participants.

Numero massimo di partecipanti

Min 10 Max 40

Metodo di valutazione

presence and laboratory participations

CFU / Ore

1 CFU-8 ore

Periodo e modalità di erogazione

03/02/26 9 am - 1 pm U6-34
17/02/26 2 pm - 6 pm U6-34

course registration on “Segreterie online”: dal 07/01/2026 al 29/01/2026

Sustainable Development Goals

LOTTA CONTRO IL CAMBIAMENTO CLIMATICO