11:374:314 Natural Resource Policy

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Books ordered through Rutgers Bookstore:


All other readings available via Sakai/resources/readings

Assignments & Grading

- Group Project I: 10pts
- Mid-Term Exam: 30pts
- Group Project II (Climate Change: Issues and Controversies): 10pts
- Digital Poster Session: 10pts
- Research paper: 30pts
- Total: 100pts

Recommended Readings

**Week 1 1/21 Introduction / Social Cooperation**

Nowak, Martin (2011) “Public Goods” in *Super Cooperators* (pp. 199-220)


**Week 2**

1/28 **Common Pool Resources: Theory & History**


Bollier, David (2014) *Think Like a Commoner*. (Chapters 1-4)


McCay, Bonnie J. (1987) “Historical Observations on Old and New World Fisheries” (Ch. 9, pp. 195-216) in *The Question of the Commons*.

**Week 3**

2/4 **Common Pool Resources: Tragedies of Invasion**


Klein, Naomi (2014) *This Changes Everything* (Ch. 5 & 11)


**Week 4**

2/11 **Common Pool Resources: Policy Development**


Ostrom, Elinor (2005) “Policies that Crowd out Reciprocity and Collective Action,” (pp. 253-276) in *Moral Sentiments and Material Interests* (H. Gintis et. al., eds.)


**Week 5  2/18  Policies as Experiments: Case Studies**  
**Group Project I**


**Plus: Either**


Pinkerton, Evelyn (1987) “Intercepting the State: Dramatic Processes in the Local Assertion of Co-management Rights,” (Ch. 17, pp. 344-369) in McCay and Acheson *The Question of the Commons.*


**Week 6  2/25  The Planetary Commons I: Climate Change**


Klein, Naomi (2014) *This Changes Everything* (Ch. 12)

Week 7 3/4 Capitalism & Natural Resource Policy


Klein, Naomi (2014) *This Changes Everything* (Ch. 2-4; 6).

Week 8 Midterm Exam Due 3/11

Spring Break

Week 9 3/25 Group Project II (small group meetings)

Readings: TBA

Week 10 4/1 Group Project II Presentations

Week 11 4/8 The Planetary Commons II: Climate Change Policy Development Group Project III (small group meetings)

Readings: TBA

Week 12 4/15 Group Project III Presentations

Week 13 4/22 Research Paper Peer Review

Week 14 4/29 Poster Sessions

Week 15 5/6 Final Papers due