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General parameters

Approximately 10-16 units per section (total list should be 150-200 readings).

Book 200+ pages = 5 units; Book 100-200 pages = 3 units; Book or book chapters containing less than 100 pages = 1 unit.

Each Supplementary list should include 3-4 readings (or fewer if they are books).

Students taking Comp 1 only need to read 2 Supplementary lists from the entire list.

Total = 178 (as of Jan 2023)

Part I. Foundational Thinking about Environmental-Sociology

1. Overview of Environmental Sociology (16)

In this section, you will read overview articles and chapters that help you gain a bird's-eye view of environmental sociology – from its origins to its current state. You will also begin to develop a general perspective on the human-environment relationship and how it is studied from a social scientific perspective.

Bohr, J., & Dunlap, R. E. (2018). Key topics in environmental sociology, 1990–2014: Results from a computational text analysis. *Environmental Sociology*, 4(2), 181-195. [1 unit]

Caniglia, B. S., Jorgenson, A., Malin, S. A., Peek, L., & Pellow, D. N. (2021). Introduction: A Twenty-First Century Public Environmental Sociology. In *Handbook of Environmental Sociology* (pp. 1-11). Springer, Cham. [1 unit]

Foster, John B., and Hannah Holleman. (2012). Weber and the environment: Classical foundations for a postexemptionalist sociology. *American Journal of Sociology*, 117(6), 1625-1673. [1 unit]

Hannigan, John. 2014. *Environmental Sociology* (Third ed.). New York: Routledge. [5 units]

Legun, K., Keller, J., Carolan, M., & Bell, M. 2020. Introduction. In K. Legun, J. Keller, M. Carolan, & M. Bell (Eds.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Environmental Sociology* (pp. 1-8). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. doi:10.1017/9781108554510.002 [1 unit]

Liévanos, Raoul S., Elisabeth Wilder, Lauren Richter, Jennifer Carrera, and Michael Mascarenhas. 2021. "Challenging the White Spaces of Environmental Sociology." *Environmental Sociology*. 7(2):103-109. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23251042.2021.1902665> [1 unit]

Lockie, S. 2015. What is environmental sociology?. *Environmental Sociology*, 1(3), 139-142. [1 unit]

Pellow, David N. and Hollie Nyseth Brehm. 2013. "An Environmental Sociology for the Twenty-First Century." *Annual Review of Sociology* 39:229–250. [1 unit]

Scott, L. N., & Johnson, E. W. 2017. From fringe to core? The integration of environmental sociology. *Environmental Sociology*, 3(1), 17-29. [1 unit]

Dunlap, Riley E. and William R. Catton. 1979. "Environmental Sociology." *Annual Review of Sociology* 5:243–73. [1 unit]

Foster, John Bellamy. 1999. "Marx's Theory of Metabolic Rift: Classical Foundations for Environmental Sociology." *American Journal of Sociology* 105(2):366–405. [1 unit]

Freudenburg, William R., Scott Frickel and Robert Gramling. 1995. "Beyond the Nature/Society Divide: Learning to Think about a Mountain," *Sociological Forum* 10: 361-392. [1 unit]

Supplementary

Buttel, Frederick H. 1987. "New Directions in Environmental Sociology." *Annual Review of Sociology* 13(1):465–488.

Catton, William R. Jr. 1980. *Overshoot: The Ecological Basis of Revolutionary Change*. Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press. [3 units; chapter 1, chapter 4, and chapter 6]

Murphy, Raymond. 1994. *Rationality & Nature*. Boulder, CO: Westview.

Burke Edmund III and Kenneth Pomeranz. Eds. 2009. *The Environment and World History*, Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

Guha, Ramachandra and Joan Martinez-Alier. 1997. *Varieties of Environmentalism: Essays North and South*. London, UK and New York: Earthscan.

2. Capitalism & Political-Economy (20)

Environmental problems are, to a large degree, material problems. This body of work addresses what this means in terms of colonial capitalist structures and alternative forms of economic organization.

Carroll, William K., Nicolas Graham, and Mark Shakespear. 2021. "Mapping the Environmental Field: Networks of Foundations, ENGOs and Think Tanks." *Canadian Review of Sociology* 58 (3): 284–305. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cars.12349>. [1 unit]

Curran, Dean. 2017. "The Treadmill of Production and the Positional Economy of Consumption." *Canadian Review of Sociology/Revue Canadienne de Sociologie* 54(1):28–47. [1 unit]

Foster, John Bellamy. 2005. "The Treadmill of Accumulation: Schnaiberg's Environment and Marxian Political Economy." *Organization & Environment* 18(1):7–18. [1 unit]

Givens, J. E., Huang, X., & Jorgenson, A. K. 2019. Ecologically unequal exchange: A theory of global environmental injustice. *Sociology Compass*, 13(5), e12693. [1 unit]

Gould, Kenneth A., David N. Pellow, and Allan Schnaiberg. 2004. "Interrogating the Treadmill of Production: Everything You Wanted to Know about the Treadmill but Were Afraid to Ask." *Organization & Environment* 17(3):296–316. [1 unit]

Grant, D., Jorgenson, A., & Longhofer, W. 2020. *Super Polluters*. Columbia University Press. [5 units]

Jorgenson, Andrew K. and Brett Clark. 2015 "Are the Economy and the Environment Decoupling? A Comparative International Study, 1960–2005," *American Journal of Sociology* 118(1): 1-44. [1 unit]

McKay, D. L., Vinyeta, K., & Norgaard, K. M. 2020. Theorizing race and settler colonialism within US sociology. *Sociology Compass*, 14(9), e12821. [1 unit]

Moore, Jason. *Capitalism in the Web of Life*. 2015. New York, NY: Verso. [5 units]

Prechel, Harland. 2015. "Organizational Political Economy and Environmental Pollution." *Sociology Compass* 9 (9): 828–40. <https://doi.org/10.1111/soc4.12299>. [1 unit]

Rudel, Thomas K., J. Timmons Roberts, and JoAnn Carmin. 2011. "Political Economy of the Environment." *Annual Review of Sociology* 37:221–238. [1 unit]

York, Richard, Eugene A. Rosa, and Thomas Dietz. 2003. "Footprints on the Earth: The Environmental Consequences of Modernity." *American Sociological Review* 68: 279–300. [1 unit]

Supplementary

Buttel, Frederick H. 2004. "The Treadmill of Production: An Appreciation, Assessment and Agenda for Research." *Organization & Environment* 17(3):323–336. [1 unit]

Jorgenson, Andrew K. 2010. "World-Economic Integration, Supply Depots, and Environmental Degradation: A Study of Ecologically Unequal Exchange, Foreign Investment Dependence, and Deforestation in Less Developed Countries." *Critical Sociology* 36(3):453–77.

Kick, Edward L., Laura A. McKinney, Steve McDonald, and Andrew Jorgenson. 2011. "World-System Position: A Network Analysis of Nations." Pp. 311–27 in *Sage Handbook of Social Network Analysis*, edited by J. Scott and P. Carrington. Thousand Oaks, CA, USA and London, UK: Sage Publications.

Schnaiberg, Allan. 1980. *The Environment: From Surplus to Scarcity*. Oxford, UK and New York, NY, USA: Oxford University Press.

Swyngedouw, E. 2004. *Social Power and the Urbanization of Water*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

3. Ecological Modernization Theory (7)

Ecological modernization theory is often presented as a contrast to a Marxian political economic perspective on the environment. It seeks to identify how modernization and late capitalism can, in fact, facilitate environmental protections.

Davidson, Debra J. and Norah MacKendrick. 2004 "All Dressed up with Nowhere to Go: The Discourse of Ecological Modernization in Alberta." *Canadian Review of Sociology and Anthropology* 41(1):47-65. [1 unit]

Fisher, D. R., & Jorgenson, A. K. 2019. Ending the Stalemate: Toward A Theory of Anthro-Shift. *Sociological Theory* 37(4):342-362. [1 unit]

Fisher, D. R., & Freudenburg, W. R. (2001). Ecological modernization and its critics: Assessing the past and looking toward the future. *Society & natural resources*, 14(8), 701-709. [1 unit]

Hayden, Anders. 2014. *When Green Growth Is Not Enough: Climate Change, Ecological Modernization, and Sufficiency*. Montréal: McGill-Queen's University Press. (intro and chapter of your choice) [1 unit]

Longhofer, W., & Schofer, E. (2010). National and global origins of environmental association. *American Sociological Review*, 75(4), 505-533. [1 unit]

Mol, Arthur P.J., Gert Spaargaren, and David A. Sonnenfeld. 2013. "Ecological Modernization Theory: Taking Stock, Moving Forward." in *Routledge International Handbook of Social and Environmental Change*, eds. Lockie, Stewart, Sonnenfeld, David A., and Dana Fisher. Pp. 15–30. London and New York: Routledge. [1 unit]

York, Richard, Eugene A. Rosa, and Thomas E. Dietz. 2010. "Ecological Modernization Theory: Theoretical and Empirical Challenges." Pp. 77–90 in *The International Handbook of Environmental Sociology*, edited by M. R. Redclift and G. Woodgate. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar. [1 unit]

Supplementary

Elements of ecological modernization theory have been adopted by some business leaders. The Hawken et al book is included here as one example.

Mol, Arthur P. J. and Gert Spaargaren. 2000. "Ecological Modernization Theory in Debate: A Review," *Environmental Politics* 9:17-49.

Hawken, Paul, Amory Lovins, and L. Hunter Lovins. *Natural Capitalism: Creating the Next Industrial Revolution*. Snowmass, CO: Rocky Mountain Institute.

4. Social Construction & Critical Realism: Relating culture and materiality (16)

One of the liveliest and longest-lasting disagreements in environmental sociology is between social constructionists and realists. This section offers up an overview of this debate. It also introduces more recent efforts at reconciling the two perspectives and bringing in analysis of the cultural component of environmental problems.

Best, Joel. 2018. "Constructing Animal Species as Social Problems." *Sociology Compass* 12(11): 1-9. [1 unit]

Carolan, M. S. 2005. Society, biology, and ecology: Bringing nature back into sociology's disciplinary narrative through critical realism. *Organization & Environment*, 18(4), 393-421.[1 unit]

Carolan, M. S. 2004. Ontological politics: Mapping a complex environmental problem. *Environmental Values*, 13(4), 497-522. [1 unit]

Davidson, D. J. 2019. Emotion, reflexivity and social change in the era of extreme fossil fuels. *The British Journal of Sociology*, 70(2), 442-462. [1 unit]

Farrell, J. 2017. *The Battle for Yellowstone: Morality and the Sacred Roots of Environmental Conflict*. Princeton University Press. [5 units]

Huddart Kennedy, E. 2022. *Eco-Types: Five Ways of Caring about the Environment*. Princeton University Press. [5 units]

Huddart Kennedy, E. H., & Johnston, J. 2019. "If you love the environment, why don't you do something to save it? Bringing culture into environmental analysis." *Sociological Perspectives*, 62(5), 593-602. [1 unit]

Murphy, Raymond. 2002. "The Internalization of Autonomous Nature into Society." *The Sociological Review* 50(3):313–333. [1 unit]

Supplementary

Eder, Klaus. 1996. *The Social Construction of Nature*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Huddart Kennedy, E. and J.E. Givens. (2019). Eco-habitus or Eco-powerlessness? Examining Environmental Concern across Social Class. *Sociological Perspectives* 62(5), 646-667.

Pettenger, Mary E. 2007. *The Social Construction of Climate Change: Power, Knowledge, Norms, Discourses*. Hampshire, UK: Ashgate Publishing.

5. Environmental Justice: Racism, Colonialism, Embodied Inequalities (15)

One of the most significant developments in environmental politics was the emergence of the environmental justice (EJ) movement in the US. This movement brought attention to the intersectional connections between race, class, colonialism and embodied environmental inequalities. Much like the field of environmental sociology writ large, the sociology of environmental justice has evolved hand in hand with the EJ movement. Many of the sociologists working in this field understand themselves as scholar-activists who themselves have helped to foster the movement. As a global EJ movement has emerged, the scholarship has taken on a more global perspective (although that is underrepresented in this list).

Agyeman, Julian, Peter Cole, Randolph Haluza-DeLay, and Pat O'Riley, eds. 2009. *Speaking for Ourselves: Environmental Justice in Canada*. Vancouver, BC: UBC Press. [2 units; Chapters 1–4]

- Auyero, J., and D. Switsun. 2008. "The Social Production of Toxic Uncertainty." *American Sociological Review* 73(3): 357–379. [1 unit]
- Bullard, Robert D. 2000. *Dumping in Dixie: Race, Class and Environmental Quality*. 3rd ed., Boulder: Westview Press. [2 units; Chapter 1, Chapter 7, and choose one other chapter]
- Harrison, Jill. 2011. *Pesticide Drift and the Pursuit of Environmental Justice*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. [2 units; Introduction and Conclusion]
- Leguizamón, A. 2020. *Seeds of power: Environmental injustice and genetically modified soybeans in Argentina*. Duke University Press. [Intro and 1 chapter][1 unit]
- Mohai, Paul, David Pellow, J. Timmons Roberts, 2009. "Environmental Justice," *Annual Review of Environment and Resources* 34: 405-30. [1 unit]
- Norgaard, Kari. 2019. *Salmon and Acorns Feed our People: Colonialism, Nature, & Social Action*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press. [1 units; Introduction and Conclusion]
- Sherwood, Yvonne P. 2019. "[The Political Binds of Oil Versus Tribes.](#)" *Open Rivers: Rethinking Water, Place, & Community* 13 (Spring). [1unit]
- Taylor, Dorceta E. 2014. *Toxic Communities: Environmental Racism, Industrial Pollution, and Residential Mobility*. New York: NYU Press. [3 units; Chapters 1–3]
- Whyte, K. 2018. Settler colonialism, ecology, and environmental injustice. *Environment and Society*, 9(1), 125-144. [1 unit]

Supplementary

- Buckingham Susan and Rakibe Kulcur. 2010. "Gendered Geographies of Environmental Justice." In *Spaces of Environmental Justice*, ed. Ryan Holifield, Michael Porter, Gordon Walker, pp. 70–94. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Crowder, Kyle and Liam Downey. 2010. "Inter-neighborhood Migration, Race, and Environmental Hazards: Modeling Micro-level Processes of Environmental Inequality." *American Journal Sociology* 115(4):1110–49.
- Holifield, Ryan, Michael Porter, Gordon Walker. 2010. "Introduction: Spaces of Environmental Justice—Frameworks for Critical Engagement," In *Spaces of Environmental Justice*, ed. Ryan Holifield, Michael Porter, Gordon Walker, pp. 1-22. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Park, Lisa Sun-Hee and David N. Pellow. 2011. *The Slums of Aspen: The War on Immigrants in America's Eden*. New York: NYU Press.
- Pellow, David N. 2007. *Resisting Global Toxics: Transnational Movements for Environmental Justice*. The MIT Press.

6. Environmental Knowledge Production (11)

Readings in this section address epistemological and ontological questions about environmental processes. How do we develop knowledge about nature? What, if anything, separates nature from society and politics? What role does skepticism, ignorance, and gaps in knowledge play in the construction of environmental problems? What is distinctive about how scientists produce and disseminate knowledge about environmental processes? You might note that many of the readings and

themes in this section overlap with science and technology studies and the sociology of knowledge. Some of these studies have a distinctly theoretical and even technical bent, although engaging with these particular “ways of knowing” is critical to understanding political struggles over pressing environmental problems like population health, toxic exposure, and climate change.

Blacker, Kimura, and Abby Kinchy. 2021. “When Citizen Science is Public Relations.” *Social Studies of Science*. 51, 5: 780-796. [1 unit]

Edwards, Paul N. 2000. “The World in a Machine: Origins and Impacts of Early Computerized Global Systems Models.” Pp. 221–254 in *Systems, Experts, and Computers: The Systems Approach in Management and Engineering, World War II and After*, edited by A. C. Hughes and T. P. Hughes. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. [1 unit]

Frickel, Scott, Sahra Gibbon, Jeff Howard, Joanna Kempner, Gwen Ottinger, and David J. Hess. 2010. “Undone Science: Charting Social Movement and Civil Society Challenges to Research Agenda Setting.” *Science, Technology, & Human Values* 35(4):444–73. [1 unit]

Jacques, Peter J., Riley E. Dunlap, and Mark Freeman. 2008. “The Organisation of Denial: Conservative Think Tanks and Environmental Scepticism.” *Environmental Politics* 17(3):349–385. [1 unit]

Jasanoff, Sheila. 2010. “A New Climate for Society.” *Theory, Culture and Society* 27(2–3):233–253. [1 unit]

Jeon, J. 2019. Invisibilizing politics: Accepting and legitimating ignorance in environmental sciences. *Social Studies of Science*, 49(6), 839-862. [1 unit]

Latour, Bruno. 2007. “To Modernize or to Ecologise? That Is the Question.” Pp. 311–328 in *Technoscience: The Politics of Interventions*, edited by K. Asdal, B. Brenna, and I. Moser. Oslo, NO: Oslo Academic Press. [1 unit]

Latour, Bruno. 2005. *Reassembling the Social: An Introduction to Actor-Network Theory*. Oxford, UK and New York: Oxford University Press. [1 unit; Introduction (p. 1–20)]

Shostak, Sara. 2013. *Exposed Science: Genes, the Environment, and the Politics of Population Health*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press. [2 units; Introduction, Conclusion, and choose one chapter]

Taylor, Peter J., and Frederick H. Buttel. 1992. “How Do We Know We Have Global Environmental Problems? Science and the Globalization of Environmental Discourse.” *Geoforum* 23(3):405–416. [1 unit]

Supplementary

Feinstein, Noah Weeth, Sue Allen, and Edgar Jenkins. 2013. “Outside the Pipeline: Reimagining Science Education for Nonscientists.” *Science* 314-317.

Goldman, Michael. 2001. “The Birth of a Discipline: Producing Authoritative Green Knowledge, World Bank-style.” *Ethnography* 2 (2):191-217

Wynne, Brian. 1994. “Scientific Knowledge and the Global Environment.” Pp. 169-189 in *Social Theory and the Global Environment*, edited by M. Redclift and T. Benton. New York, NY: Routledge.

Steven Yearley, 2009. “Sociology and Climate Change after Kyoto.” *Current Sociology*. 57, 3: 389-405.

Part 2. Key Topics in Environmental Sociology

1. Gender (16 units)

Articles in this section build on an established feminist tradition of interrogating connections between the exploitation of women and natural resources. Scholars here do not limit themselves to the study of

women (as a biological sex), and they avoid essentialist theorizing about male/female dualism. Instead, they incorporate nuanced theories of gender as well as multiple intersecting spheres of oppression and exploitation. One important feature to note when reading this section: despite a long noted empirical phenomena whereby women express more pro-environmental behaviors than men, scholars in this area (e.g., Banerjee and Bell 2007; Huddart Kennedy and Dzialo 2015) believe that mainstream environmental social science continues to neglect gender.

Anderson, Kathryn G. 2020. Masculinity and Environment, Chapter 6 in *Cambridge Handbook of Environmental Sociology*, vol.2, pp.103-116. [1 unit]

Banerjee, Damayanti and Michael M. Bell. 2007. "Ecogender: Locating Gender in Environmental Social Science." *Society and Natural Resources*. 20(1): 3-19. [1 unit]

Bell, Michael Mayerfeld. 2012. "The Ideology of Environmental Domination." in *An Invitation to Environmental Sociology*. Thousand Oaks, CA, USA and London, UK: Sage. Pp. 195-215. [1 unit]

Braun, Yvonne A., and Assitan Sylla Traore. 2015. "Plastic Bags, Pollution, and Identity Women and the Gendering of Globalization and Environmental Responsibility in Mali." *Gender & Society* 29, no. 6 (2015): 863-887. [1 unit]

Brown, Phil and Faith I. T. Ferguson. 1995. "'Making a Big Stink:' Women's Work, Women's Relationships, and Toxic Waste Activism," *Gender & Society* 9(2): 145-172. [1 unit]

Ergas, Christina and Richard York. 2012. "Women's Status and Carbon Dioxide Emissions: A Quantitative Cross-national Analysis." *Social Science Research* 41(4):965-976. [1 unit]

Filteau, M. R. 2014. Who are those guys? Constructing the oilfield's new dominant masculinity. *Men and Masculinities*, 17(4), 396-416. [1 unit]

Hunter, Lori M., Alison Hatch, and Aaron Johnson. 2004. "Cross-National Gender Variation in Environmental Behaviors." *Social Science Quarterly* 85(3):677-94. [1 unit]

Kennedy, Emily Huddart and Liz Dzialo. 2015. "Locating Gender in Environmental Sociology." *Sociology Compass* 9(10):920-29. [1 unit]

MacKendrick, Norah. 2018. *Better Safe than Sorry*. Oakland, CA: University of California Press. [2 units; Introduction, Conclusion and choose one other chapter]

MacGregor, Sheila. 2017. Gender and environment: An introduction. In *Routledge Handbook of Gender and Environment* (pp. 1-24). Routledge. [1 unit]

McCright, Aaron M. and Chenyang Xiao. 2014. "Gender and Environmental Concern Insights from Recent Work and for Future Research." *Society & Natural Resources* 27(10):1109-13. [1 unit]

Norgaard, K. M., Reed, R., & Bacon, J. M. (2018). How environmental decline restructures indigenous gender practices: What happens to Karuk masculinity when there are no fish?. *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, 4(1), 98-113. [1 unit]

Perkins, Terry. 2012. "Women's Pathways Into Activism: Rethinking the Women's Environmental Justice Narrative in California's San Joaquin Valley." *Organization & Environment* 25(1):76-94. [1 unit]

Plumwood, Val. 1994. "The ecopolitics debate and the politics of nature," Pp. 64-87 in *Ecological Feminism*. Ed. K. Warren. New York, NY: Routledge. [1 unit]

Supplementary

Bryson, Lois, Kathleen McPhillips, and Kathryn Robinson. 2001. "Turning Public Issues into Private Troubles: Lead Contamination, Domestic Labor, and the Exploitation of Women's Unpaid Labor in Australia." *Gender & Society* 15(5):754–772.

Davidson, Debra J. and William R. Freudenburg. 1996. "Gender and Environmental Risk Concerns: A Review and Analysis of Available Research." *Environment and Behavior* 28(3):302–39.

MacGregor, Sherilyn. 2014. "Only Resist: Feminist Ecological Citizenship and the Post-Politics of Climate Change." *Hypatia* 29(3):617–33.

Norgaard, Kari and Richard York. 2005. "Gender Equality and State Environmentalism." *Gender & Society* 19(4):506–22.

Xiao, Chenyang and Aaron M. McCright. 2015. "Gender Differences in Environmental Concern: Revisiting the Institutional Trust Hypothesis in the USA." *Environment and Behavior* 47(1):17–37.

2. Culture, Consumerism, Resource Consumption (15)

These readings focus on the interactions between culture, consumption, and resource use. You will encounter readings on human relationships with animals, food as a symbol of the natural world, as well as readings that address the sustainability of consumer culture. Some of the articles in this section are by scholars (e.g., Grazian) that look at humans' relationship with non-human animals (e.g., pigeons, zoo animals) in a general way. Other articles in this section have a more focussed attempt to theorize the ways human behavior is environmentally significant and/or unsustainable.

Anantharaman, M. 2018. Critical sustainable consumption: a research agenda. *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences*, 8(4), 553-561. [1 unit]

Carfagna, Lindsey B. et al. 2014. "An Emerging Eco-Habitus: The Reconfiguration of High Cultural Capital Practices among Ethical Consumers." *Journal of Consumer Culture* 14(2):158–78. [1 unit]

Grazian, David. 2015. *American Zoo: A Sociological Safari*. Princeton, NJ, USA and Oxford, UK: Princeton University Press. 344 pp. [2 units; introduction, conclusion, and one chapter of your choice]

Jerolmack, Colin. 2021. *Up to heaven and down to hell: Fracking, freedom, and community in an American town*. Princeton University Press. [Introduction and one chapter of your choice][1 unit]

Kennedy, Emily. 2020. Sustainable Consumption. In K. Legun, J. Keller, M. Carolan, & M. Bell (Eds.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Environmental Sociology* (pp. 221-235). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. doi:10.1017/9781108554558.015 [1 unit]

Kollmuss, Anja and Julian Agyeman. 2002. "Mind the Gap: Why Do People Act Environmentally and What Are the Barriers to pro-Environmental Behavior?" *Environmental Education Research* 8(3):239–260. [1 unit]

Maniates, Michael F. 2001. "Individualization: Plant a Tree, Buy a Bike, Save the World ?" *Global Environmental Politics* 1(3):31–52. [1 unit]

Middlemiss, L. 2018. *Sustainable consumption: key issues*. Routledge. [2 units, Ch 1-3]

Shove, Elizabeth. 2014. "Putting Practice into Policy: Reconfiguring Questions of Consumption and Climate Change." *Contemporary Social Science* 9(4):415–29. [1 unit]

Szasz, Andrew. 2008. *Shopping our way to safety*. St Paul, MN: University of Minnesota Press. Introduction: Inverted Quarantine (pp. 1-8), Chapter 4 Eating (134-152), Chapter 6 Imaginary Refuge (173-193), Chapter 7. Political Anesthesia (194-222), Conclusion (223-238).] [3 units]

Willis, Margaret M. and Juliet B. Schor. 2012. "Does Changing a Light Bulb Lead to Changing the World? Political Action and the Conscious Consumer." *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 644(1):160–90. [1 unit]

Supplementary

Connolly John and Andrea Prothero. 2008. "Green Consumption: Life-politics, Risk and Contradictions," *Journal of Consumer Culture*, 8(1), pp 117-145.

Johnston, J. 2008. The citizen-consumer hybrid: ideological tensions and the case of Whole Foods Market. *Theory and Society*, 37(3), 229-270. [1 unit]

Kennedy, Emily Huddart, Maurie J. Cohen, and Naomi T. Krogman. 2015. "Social Practice Theories and Research on Sustainable Consumption." In *Putting Sustainability into Practice: Applications and Advances in Research on Sustainable Consumption*. Eds. E H. Kennedy, M. Cohen and N. Krogman. Pp 3–22.

Ross, Andrew. 2013. *Bird on Fire: Lessons from the World's Least Sustainable City*. New York: Oxford University Press.

3. Globalization & the Global Climate Crisis (15)

In the age of climate change, environmental sociology must contend with the globalization of culture, resources flows, capital, and ideas. This section explores tension between various geographic scales (e.g., the national and the global) and addresses scholarship addressing one of the most pressing environmental issues: the global climate emergency. This section also reflects how the field has moved to try and adapt a more global (and less Eurocentric / US-centric) perspective.

Carroll, W., Graham, N., Lang, M. K., Yunker, Z., & McCartney, K. D. 2018. The corporate elite and the architecture of climate change denial: a network analysis of carbon capital's reach into civil society. *Canadian Review of Sociology*, 55(3), 425-450 . [1 unit]

Dietz, T., Shwom, R. L., & Whitley, C. T. 2020. Climate Change and Society. *Annual Review of Sociology*, 46. [1 unit]

Dunlap, R. E., & Brulle, R. J. (Eds.). 2015. *Climate change and society: Sociological perspectives*. Oxford University Press. [2 units: Introduction and Conclusion]

Greenough, Paul, and Lowenhaupt Tsing. (Eds.) 2003. *Nature in the Global South: Environmental Projects in South and South Asia*. Durham, NC and London, UK: Duke University Press. [2 units; Introduction and choose two chapters (not including Peluso 2003, included above in the political economy section)]

Dietz, Thomas et al. 2016. "The Struggle to Govern the Commons," *Science*. 302(5652):1907–12. [1 unit]

Hannigan, John. 2017. "Toward a Sociology of Oceans," *Canadian Review of Sociology*. 54 (1): 8-27. [1 unit]

Klinenberg, E., Araos, M., & Koslov, L. 2020. Sociology and the Climate Crisis. *Annual Review of Sociology*, 46. [1 unit]

Lidskog, Rolf, Arthur P. J. Mol, and Peter Oosterveer. 2014. "Towards a Global Environmental Sociology? Legacies, Trends and Future Directions." *Current Sociology* 63(3):339–368. [1 unit]

Norgaard, Kari. 2011. *Living in Denial: Climate Change, Emotions, and Everyday Life*. Cambridge, MA, USA: The MIT Press. [5 units]

Supplementary

Elvin, Mark. 2006. *The Retreat of the Elephants: An Environmental History of China*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.

Ramutsindela, Maano, Marja Spierenburg and Harry Wels. 2011. *Sponsoring Nature; Environmental Philanthropy for Conservation*. New York: Earthscan. Chapters 1-3.

4. Risk, Disasters, and Catastrophic Events (17)

One key issue that environmental sociologists increasingly contend with is environmental catastrophe – what happens when the natural world move out of the backdrop of social life and becomes part of dramatic, even violent upheavals? Authors in this section contend with environmental disasters ranging from climate change to Hurricane Katrina to the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. A key theme to consider in this section is risk and whether the modern era can be categorized as a distinct “risk society.”

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