

Teaching: Sociology, Places and Cultures of Sustainability

Master Course: Clinical, Social and Intercultural Psychology

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Academic year 2025-26, Prof. Giorgio Osti

Date/hours		Theme	Notes - references
29 Sept. 4.30-6.30 pm	2	Course Presentation and Introduction to Sociology	Program and the terms of matter; what is sociology (The Essentials of sociology; Pills of sociology, both in moodle)
30 Sept. 4.30-6.30 pm	4	Environmental Sociology: four ideologies committed for ecological crisis	S. Lockie 2015, What is environmental sociology?, Environmental Sociology, 1:3, 142, 10.1080/23251042.2015.1066084 ; Osti, G. 2021, Playing with Environment without Destroying It: The Chances for Education (paper in moodle)
6 October	6	Basic topics: The relative position of each discipline	Osti, G. 2023, <i>The 'position' of social sciences in sustainability issue</i> . in S. Fantoni et al. Quantitative sustainability, Springer, 139-145 (text in moodle).
8 October	8	Basic topics: Political Ecology	McCarthy, Perreault, Bridge, 2015 <i>Editors' conclusion</i> , in Routl. Handbook of Political Ecology (moodle); M. Pelling 1999, The political ecology of flood hazard in urban Guyana , Geoforum, 30(3)
13 October	10	Basic topics: Frames and Schemas	Della Porta, Diani 2006, Social Movements. pp. 73-88 (in moodle); Lakoff G. 2010 Why it Matters How We Frame the Environment , Environmental Communication, 4:1; Buzogány, Scherhaufer, Framing different energy futures? Comparing Fridays for Future and Extinction Rebellion in Germany, Futures, 2022 doi.org/10.1016/j.futures.2022.102904
15 October	12	Basic topics: Networks and organisations	F. Depelteau, Relational Thinking in Sociology: Relevance, Concurrence and Dissonance, 2018, 10.1007/978-3-319-66005-9_1 In The Palgrave Handbook of Relational Sociology; H Bressers, LJ O'Toole, Richardson (1994), Networks as models of analysis , Environmental Politics, 3(4)
20 October	14	Networks and organisations; working groups on ENGOs relational and cultural profile	Kowalski, Jenkins 2015 The role of bridging organizations in environmental management: examining social networks in working groups . <i>Ecology and Society</i> 20(2): 16.
22 October		Lessons are suspended	
27 October	16	Basic topics: Environmental Psychology 1 -	Parece, Grossman, Scott Geller (2013) Reducing Carbon Footprint of Water Consumption: A Case Study of Water Conservation at a University Campus , in T. Younos, C.A. Grady,
29 October	18	Basic topics: Environmental Psychology 2 Melike Arikán Peggion, student II year Clinical, Social and Intercultural Psychology	Untaru, et al. Predictors of individuals' intention to conserve water in a lodging context: the application of an extended Theory of Reasoned Action, Int. J. of Hosp. Manag. 2016, doi.org/10.1016/j.ijhm.2016.09.001
3 November	20	Introduction to water issue: hydrosocial relations, examples from Colombia	Dr. Rossella Alba (she, her) IRI-THESys and Geography Department Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
5 November	22	Introduction to wetland issue	My slides

8 November h. 9-13.00 am	26	<i>Urban wetlands, a gaze from the channel Piovego in Padua.</i> Boat trip along the canals of Padua with coop. Piovego	The study trip is for students of Sociology, Places and C. of S. Registration is required
10 November	28	<i>Exploring human-nature relations with participatory action-research using PhotoVoice</i> , Angela Moriggi – Researcher of Tesaf Dep. University of Padua	Acott, T. G. (2024). Wetland photography, encounters and values. <i>Landscape Research</i> , https://doi.org/10.1080/01426397.2024.2399660
12 November	30	Empathy: an attitude useful for water interaction?	Bradford <i>et al.</i> Does Engagement Build Empathy for Shared Water Resources? Results from the Use of the Interpersonal Reactivity Index during a Mobile Water Allocation Experimental Decision Laboratory. <i>Water</i> 2019 , 11, doi.org/10.3390/w11061259K.
17 November	32	Basic topics: Networks and Environmental Institutions	J. Owen-Smith and W.W. Powell 2007, Networks and Institutions; Y. Rydin, E. Falleth (eds), 2006, Networks and Institutions in Natural Resource Management , Elgar (first CHs available on Elgar website)
19 November	34	The sense of territorial belonging. An odd combination of feelings and spatial relationships. Introduction to the topic	The implications of place attachment for public engagement with energy infrastructures, Patrick Devine Wright https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gj-IROh8Zrk (social psychology approach) Verbrugge, van den Born, The role of place attachment in public perceptions of a re-landscaping intervention in the river Waal (NL), <i>Landscape and Urban Planning</i> , 177, 2018, 241-250 (moodle)
24 November	36	Place attachment and its therapeutic functions EXERCISE TOGETHER on our sense of place	M. Townsend et al. Therapeutic landscapes, restorative environments, place attachment, and well-being urly.it/3q6jc in van den Bosch, Bird (eds), <i>Oxford Textbook of Nature and Public Health</i> , Oxford, 2018
26 November	38	Practical methodological lesson	How to prepare an abstract and a paper for a conference (and an exam).
1 December		No Lessons	
3 December	40	Students presentations of the exam paper draft	Optional, in alternative Gearey, Mary. (2024) <i>Place-making in waterscapes: Wetlands as palimpsest spaces of recreation</i> . <i>The Geographical Journal</i> , 190, e12477. https://doi.org/10.1111/geoj.12477
10 December	42	Flanerie in Padua	