

Teaching: Sociology, Places and Cultures of Sustainability

Master Course: **Clinical, Social and Intercultural Psychology**

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Date/hours		Theme	Notes - references
28 Sept. 4.30-6.30 pm	2	Course Presentation and Introduction to Sociology	Program and the terms of matter; what is sociology (Slides + <i>Pills of sociology</i> , both in moodle)
30 Sept. 4.30-6.30 pm	4	Environmental Sociology: four ideologies committed for ecological crisis	Stoddart et al 2026, Environmental sociology and global environmental change; Osti, G. 2021, Playing with Environment without Destroying It: The Chances for Education (both papers in moodle)
5 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).
7 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)
12 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, Scherhauser, Framing different energy futures? Comparing Fridays for Future and Extinction Rebellion in Germany, Futures, 2022 doi.org/10.1016/j.futures.2022.102904
14 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)
19 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.
21 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,
26 October	18	Basic topics: Environmental Psychology 2 Comparison between nudge and relational approach, Melike Arikan Peggion, former student at CSI	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
28 October	20	Introduction to water issue:	
31 October	24	Urban wetlands, a gaze from the channel Piovego in Padua. 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
2 November	26	Introduction to wetland issue	My slides

4 November	28	Exploring human-nature relations with participatory action-research using PhotoVoice,	Acott, T. G. (2024). Wetland photography, encounters and values. <i>Landscape Research</i> , https://doi.org/10.1080/01426397.2024.2399660
9 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 , <i>11</i> , doi.org/10.3390/w11061259K .
11 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)
16 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> , <i>177</i> , 2018, 241-250 (moodle)
18 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
23 November	38	Projection and discussion of a speech of the anthropologist Paolo Gruppuso on the history of Agro Pontino Reclaim Toward the Wetland Humanities: Rethinking Socioecological Relationships beyond the principle of authority https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tNenEtllyjo	The idea that wetlands is an example of unruliness against the principle of authority, applied not only by authoritarian regimes but also on modern conservation activities that separate the protected wetlands from normal activities of local people, eg farmers
25 November	40	Practical methodological lesson	How to prepare an abstract and a paper for a conference (and an exam).
26 November	42	Flanerie in Padua	
30 November			
7 December			
10 December			