



Sustainability on Trial: Environmental Justice in Northern Europe

GEO 304: A Signature Seminar in Europe (3 credits)

The Arctic Circle and Flåm, Norway
Mid-Semester Break: November 9-15, 2020

The Program

Sustainability on Trial: Environmental Justice in Northern Europe is a Signature Seminar designed for students abroad at Syracuse London. The seminar invites you to consider:

- Why is Scandinavia so well-known for its environmental efforts?
- Everyone talks about sustainability and justice – but what do they mean, really?
- Who wins and loses in ‘green cities’ and other ‘eco-tourism’?

You will travel as a group to green buildings in London, indigenous lands in the Arctic Circle, and glacial fjords in Norway to discover how creative innovations that value both heritage and innovation are supporting (or failing) environmental justice. In each of the destinations, the group will directly engage with inequalities in access to clean air, food, water, energy, land, and natural spaces. You will explore how environmental crises around the globe impact Nordic communities, how the actions taken in these spaces affect peoples in other parts of the world, and how we can learn from these leaders in sustainable solutions.

After some introductory classes in London, our time in the field will include meeting reindeer, playing with huskies and boating between towering mountains.

Eligibility and Academics

All students accepted for the Fall 2020 semester in London can apply for this seminar. Previous knowledge of geography or environmentalism is not required, though space is limited and some preference may be given to students whose curricular interests best align with course themes. If there is insufficient interest, the Seminar will be cancelled and your deposit refunded.

Students successfully completing this trip and accompanying coursework will earn 3 credits of GEO304; however, these three credits do not count in the 12-credit enrollment minimum for the London Center (i.e., students on this Seminar need to be enrolled in at least 15 credits for Fall 2020).



Costs

The seminar program fee of \$2100 includes all travel between and around the UK, Finland, and Norway; group accommodations; entrance fees to sites; guided tours and activities; course materials; and at least one main meal a day. Meet with your financial aid counselor to discuss possible support for this course fee.

Your Seminar Leader

Dr. Becca Farnum is an environmental activist-academic currently serving as program staff at Syracuse University London. Her doctoral research partnered with local organisations in the Middle East and North Africa using nature to bridge political divides. Past projects have involved contributing to United Nations policy on environmental peacebuilding; running an environmental educational exchange between Norway and Norfolk; and serving a stint with Michelle Obama’s Correspondence Team at The White House. Her teaching focuses on inclusive learning and transformative pedagogies, supporting students to understand and purposefully impact global change.

Application

To apply, log into the Syracuse Abroad application portal and indicate that you are interested by **Wednesday, July 1**. If accepted, you must pay a \$300 non-refundable deposit to the Syracuse Abroad office by August 1.

For more information, contact:

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