



EVPP 381

Nature and Culture in Global Wetlands

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Wetlands are often associated with long-standing cultural practices that enable human societies to thrive, to adapt to environmental change, and to use nature in a sustainable way. The course trains the next generation of higher education in the field of eco-cultural literacy and resilience of global wetland ecosystems. The course will provide students with an opportunity to study the environmental history and the changes in the ecology of global wetlands over the decades of human impacts. It includes different types of wetland ecosystems and their services to and relationship with humanity, including water quality, coastal protection, flood mitigation, food production, and biodiversity. Not only the ecological, but the cultural values of wetlands, the livelihoods they provide, and the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities will be discussed along with the roles of international organizations and peace building through nature conservation. Fun field trips included.

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