Intercultural learning as an opportunity to solve global environmental issues



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Current ecological and environmental problems require sound knowledge & local and global actions

Air pollution





Endangered species

Deforestation y fragmentation

Chemical &Plastic pollution







"From the Cascades to the Andes: Environmental issues in Peru and the Pacific Northwest"

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Course structure

 BIS 490 Advanced seminar: 10 week-overlap, 4 Learning modules

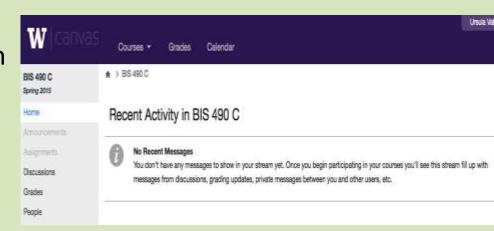
 Icebreakers: sharing personal interests, iconic natural places, native wildlife& plants, native crops (food)





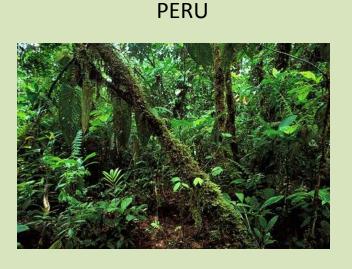
 synchronized discussions, online discussions, collaborative research projects, use of study cases

 Discussion and field trips with both instructors at each location



4 Parallel stories (modules)

1. Biological diversity: regions, species, rainforest (tropical and temperate)











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Fisheries (Salmon vs. Anchovy)



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3. Use of resources and impacts (i.e. logging and deforestation, gold mining, market crashes)





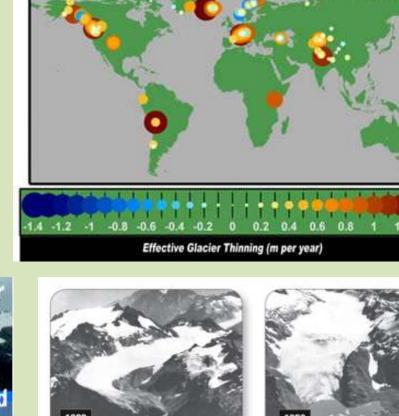






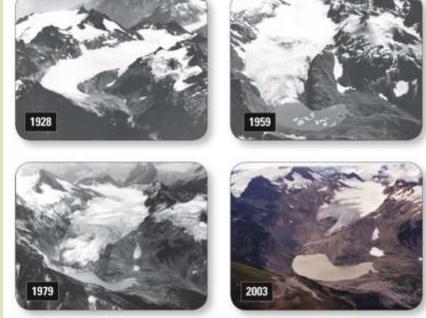
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4. Climate change and Mountain ranges (Andes and Cascades)



Mountain Glacier Changes Since 1970





Reaction & Action

 Discussions, literature research and Interviews to experts

 Propose a solution: Video, magazine or newspaper article, photo essay, art and science, letters to politicians



