HIS 302
Global Environmental History

Satisfies: STAS [DEC: H]
Thematic Categories: Empires, Violence & Global Connections; Health, Science & Environmental Change

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Online Asynchronous

Does the environment really matter across time and space, or do we romanticize the importance of the natural world in our past? This course explores the role of human and non-human forces that have shaped the natural environment in places as diverse as the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, New England, and South Asia from ancient times to the present. We will examine the impact of nature-human interactions across the globe and how the environment is connected or separated from various political, cultural, social events and movements, such as the Columbian encounter, modern Environmentalism, and imperialism. Students will analyze primary and secondary sources, including academic articles, podcasts, videos, and lectures as we seek to understand how the past has influenced the environment in which we live now. There will be primary source analysis, discussion board engagement and choice of a final reflection or recorded podcast/video for the course. No required textbook; all the course materials will be provided.