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PRINCIPLES OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION- CONF 682
School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution
George Mason University
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Founders Hall Room 322

Instructor

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Course Description

This course explores the nature and characteristics of environmental conflict and efforts to manage, resolve, or transform it. We begin by examining how contemporary environmental conflict manifests itself and is addressed through private and public processes, before turning to the range of deliberative processes encompassed by the term "environmental conflict resolution" or ECR. Topics to be addressed include: situation assessments and process design, evaluation of ECR, environmental justice and collaboration, collaborative environmental governance, and international ECR.

Objectives

-   Learn about best practices for preventing, preparing for, and addressing environmental conflict.
-   Develop a capacity to assess the strengths and weaknesses of ECR processes.
-   Experience techniques and skills important to the practice of ECR.

Required Textbooks

•   Dryzek, J. S. (2013). The politics of the earth: Environmental discourses (3rd ed.). Oxford, New York: Oxford University Press
•   Dukes, E.F., Firehock, K.E., and Birkhoff, J.E. (2011). Community-based collaboration: bridging socio-ecological research and practice. Charlottesville, VA: University of Virginia Press.
•   Moore, L. (2013). Common ground on hostile turf: stories from an environmental mediator. Washington, DC: Island Press
•   O'Leary, R., & Bingham, L. (Eds.). (2003). The promise and performance of environmental conflict resolution. Washington, DC: Resources for the Future.