ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ONLINE

Examine the impact of major environmental challenges and events with this faculty-curated collection

One-fifth of the Amazonian rainforest is gone. A garbage patch twice the size of the United States is floating in the Pacific Ocean. Tens of millions of people migrate each year due to natural disasters exacerbated by climate change. Solutions to ecological crises require a critical understanding of the relationship between people and the environment through social, cultural, economic, political, historical and ecological perspectives.

Curated with a panel of environmental faculty, Environmental Issues Online positions students and researchers to create solutions to today's environmental challenges. This interdisciplinary, multimedia resource brings together primary source documents, archives, films, text and photographs related to significant environmental issues from the 20th and 21st centuries. At completion, the collection will include 100,000 pages of text, 175 hours of video and 1,000 images.

A FEW CONTENT HIGHLIGHTS

Documents outlining the first interstate water compact – Water Resources Archive, Colorado State University

Chinese, U.S. and Canadian perspectives and analysis on forced displacement from the Three Gorges Dam construction – Hong Kong University Press

Records relating to the Great London Smog of 1952 and subsequent air quality policy – National Archives at Kew

Extracts from the public hearings that led to DDT regulation – EPA Records, National Archives and Records Administration

First-person perspectives from frontline communities facing climate change impacts on food, livelihood and home – Secretariat of the Pacific Community





REAL APPLICATIONS: HOW STUDENTS AND FACULTY CAN USE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ONLINE

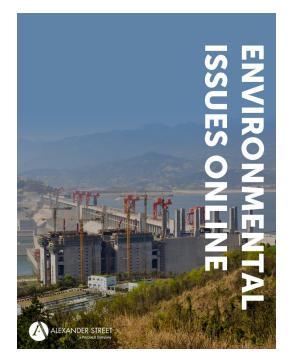
- Examine factors driving the success of water and land conservation initiatives such as Xeriscape landscape planning and Kenya's Greenbelt movement.
- Connect local civic participatory actions to the creation of federal policies such as the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts.
- Trace historically evolving definitions of "the environment" from early conservationist approaches to inclusion of environmental justice perspectives.
- Link major policy changes to broader social awareness campaigns through primary-source documents that contextualize historic studies.

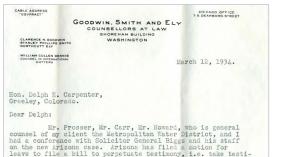
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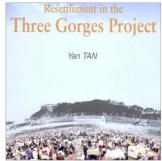
- Air Pollution
- Biodiversity
- Climate Change
- Consumption & Waste
- Urban Resiliency
- Land Conservation
- Water Challenges

EVENTS AND AREAS

- Air Pollution in London
- Clean Air & Clean Water Acts
- DDT Case
- Sea Level Rise in the Pacific
- Three Gorges Dam
- Xeriscape Design









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