DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE – GEOGRAPHIES OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS (DSE 17)

Course title & Code	Credits	Duration (per week)			Eligibility Criteria	Prerequisite
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Geographies of Environmental Justice and Environmental Ethics (DSE 17)	**4**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**Class 12th**	**NIL**

Learning Objectives: The course is mapped to SDG 13 Climate action and addresses environmental concerns

The course focusses on students' comprehensive understanding of the following concepts to enhance their ability for analytical thinking about the present-day enviro-ethical issues and legal provisions under it. The main objectives are-

- To understand the basic concepts of environment, ethics and law.
- To evaluate the role of ethics and its application.
- To assess the problems related to environmental justice and sustainability based on case studies.
- To understand the provisions under the Indian constitution and the Jurisprudence; and major PILs.
- To discuss the global initiatives and policies emerging from multilateral environmental issues.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the semester students will have an in-depth knowledge of:

- The principles of Environmental Ethics in making Environmental Laws.
- Various legislations as per the Indian Legal System.
- Provisions of violations and understanding of PIL.
- How to enhance the decision-making process while addressing the issues of justice and sustainability.
- Types of international institutions and laws for environmental protection.

Course Outline:

- **Unit 1: Understanding of Environmental Ethics (10 hours):** Concept and principles; Evolution of Environmental Ethics; Importance of Environmental Justice and Ethics in our everyday life- Valuing Nature; Right of Nature

- **Unit 2: Environmental Stewardship, Environmental ethics and Justice (20 hours):** Concept of

Environmental Justice and Environmental Stewardship; Approaches in Environmental Ethics- Anthropocentric, Bio- centric, Eco- centric; Role of Environmental Ethics in Law Making; Tran boundary Environmental Issues; Role of International Organisations

- **Unit 3: Environmental Law, Environmental Conflicts and Resolution in India (15 hours):** Constitutional Provisions and Environmental Laws; Key Environmental Legislations in India; National Green Tribunal, Public Interest Litigations- selected case studies. Case studies of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (Montreal protocol, Paris Agreement, Convention on Biological Diversity)

- **Unit 4: Sustainability and Ethical Principles (15 hours):** Dilemma in achieving Sustainability; Environmental Justice; Case studies- MC Mehta vs. Union of India, 1991 Delhi Vehicular pollution Case; Almitra H Patel vs. Union of India, 2000 Waste Management Case, Case of Dongria Kondhs vs Niyamgiri.

Tutorial Exercises

Tutorial exercises will include discussion of specific readings, presentations on case studies. For unit 4 refer to - George, Anjali. "Claiming Niyamgiri: The Dongria Kondh's Struggle against Vedanta." Ritimo: Informées? Transformez (2014).

Readings:

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- Rolston H (2001)*Enforcing Environmental Ethics: Civic Law and Natural Value* in James P S (ed.) Social and Political Philosophy Contemporary Perspectives, Routeledge, London.
- Sharma P D (2016-17)*Ecology and Environment*, Rastogi Publications, Meerut.
- Singh G (2021)*Environmental Law*,Eastern Book Company, Delhi.
- Sulphey M M, *Introduction to Environmental Management*, PHI Learning Pvt Ltd, Delhi.