The Political Ecology of Climate Change Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Environmental Management and Conservation	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Analyze the **socio-political drivers** of climate change and environmental degradation.
2. Deconstruct the concepts of **climate justice** and **intergenerational equity**.
3. Evaluate the **political economy** of fossil fuels and the renewable energy transition.
4. Critically assess the role of **governance and policy** in shaping climate action and inaction.
5. Understand the dynamics of **climate-induced migration** and environmental security.
6. Identify and critique the influence of **corporate lobbying** and financial institutions on climate policy.
7. Explore the intersection of climate change with **social inequalities**, including race, class, and gender.
8. Examine the role of **indigenous knowledge** and grassroots movements in climate resilience and adaptation.
9. Analyze the **political ecology of food systems** and agricultural vulnerability.
10. Evaluate the effectiveness and ethical implications of **market-based solutions**, such as carbon trading and payments for ecosystem services.
11. Develop a nuanced understanding of **adaptation and mitigation strategies** from a political ecology perspective.
12. Formulate arguments for **transformative climate action** that addresses structural inequities.
13. Apply **critical thinking frameworks** to real-world climate conflicts and policy debates.

Organizational Benefits

- Organizations will be better equipped to develop climate strategies that account for complex political and social risks, moving beyond single-issue technical solutions.
- Professionals will gain the skills to navigate diverse stakeholder interests, build more effective coalitions, and engage in more inclusive and equitable climate dialogues.
- This training provides the analytical tools to critically evaluate policies and advocate for robust, just, and effective climate governance.
- By understanding the political and social dimensions of climate vulnerability, organizations can build more resilient programs and operations.

- Demonstrating a deep understanding of climate justice and political ecology positions an organization as a leader in corporate social responsibility and ethical environmental stewardship.
- Employees will be empowered to contribute to climate solutions and integrate a critical, systems-based approach into their work.

Target Audience

1. Policymakers and Government Officials.
2. NGO and Civil Society Leaders.
3. Corporate Sustainability and CSR Professionals.
4. Journalists and Environmental Communicators.
5. Academics and Researchers.
6. Development Practitioners.
7. Environmental Advocates
8. Students and Early-Career Professionals.

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Module 1: Foundations of Political Ecology

- Defining Political Ecology.
- The Nature-Society Divide.
- Theories of Uneven Development.
- Power and Knowledge.
- **Case Study:** The uneven impacts of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, focusing on race and class disparities in vulnerability and recovery.

Module 2: Climate Justice and Equity

- Historical Responsibility.
- Intergenerational and Intragenerational Equity.
- Climate Finance."
- Climate Refugees and Migration.
- **Case Study:** The diplomatic and political struggles of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) at UNFCCC negotiations, highlighting their unique vulnerability and fight for justice.

Module 3: The Political Economy of Energy

- Fossil Fuel Lock-in.
- The Politics of Extraction
- Renewable Energy Transitions.
- Carbon Markets and Trading.
- **Case Study:** The transition to renewable energy in Germany (**Energiewende**), examining the political, economic, and social challenges and successes.

Module 4: Environmental Governance

- UNFCCC and International Policy.
- National and Sub-national Governance.
- Public-Private Partnerships.
- Policy Instruments.

- **Case Study:** The implementation of the REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) program, and its contested impacts on indigenous communities and land rights in the Amazon.

Module 5: Adaptation and Resilience

- Beyond "Techno-fixes".
- Social Vulnerability.
- Community-Based Adaptation.
- The Politics of Disaster Relief.
- **Case Study:** The struggle for coastal adaptation and land rights in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam, where climate impacts intersect with state development policies and market pressures.

Module 6: Urban Political Ecology

- The City as a Metabolic System.
- Urban Environmental Justice.
- "Green" Gentrification.
- Climate Planning in Cities.
- **Case Study:** The case of Miami's adaptation to sea-level rise, exploring the racial and class dimensions of who is protected and who is left behind.

Module 7: Agriculture and Food Systems

- The Politics of Industrial Agriculture.
- Food Sovereignty vs. Food Security.
- Land Grabs and Resource Conflicts.
- Smallholder Farmers and Climate Vulnerability.
- **Case Study:** The drought and famines in the Sahel region, West Africa, and how political instability, land tenure issues, and international aid dynamics exacerbate climate vulnerability.

Module 8: Social Movements and Transformative Action

- The Role of Climate Activism.
- Indigenous Environmentalism.
- Just Transition Movements.
- From Resistance to Resilience.
- **Case Study:** The "No DAPL" (Dakota Access Pipeline) protests in the United States, illustrating the convergence of indigenous rights, environmental protection, and fossil fuel infrastructure politics.

Training Methodology

This course employs a dynamic and interactive training methodology to facilitate deep learning and practical application.

- Interactive Lectures and Socratic Dialogue.
- Real-World Case Studies.
- Group Discussions and Collaborative Problem-Solving.
- Guest Speakers.
- Role-Playing and Simulation Exercises.
- Critical Reading and Reflection.
- Action Planning.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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