

Immersion Lecture: Environment, Development & Globalization

Time of Event:

Tuesday, January 12, 2016 - 11:30 to 12:15

Video:

In this lecture, Dr. Andrew Jorgenson discusses comparative international work that looks at patterns in environmental change, development, and globalization. He overviews several theories of economic and social development and globalization, and then explains the use of longitudinal methods to characterize global change. He reviews several dependent variables that are often used to measure macro-level global change, and uses the example of the relationships between greenhouse gas emissions and economic growth to demonstrate analyses of longitudinal trends. Finally, he applies several theories from environmental sociology to the example to highlight how to use theory to interpret empirical patterns.

Reading List

Jorgenson, A.K., and Clark, B. (2012). Are the economy and the environmental decoupling? A comparative international study, 1960-2005. *American Journal of Sociology* 118(1): 1-44.

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Andrew Jorgenson is Professor of Sociology and Environmental Studies at Boston College. The primary area of his research is the political economy and human ecology of global environmental change. His secondary areas of research include the environmental and institutional conditions that shape public health outcomes in developing nations, and the political economy of development and inequality. The majority of his research is quantitative, longitudinal, and comparative-international, and in new projects he employs multi-level and multi-method techniques. His current collaborative research on the facility-level and country-level factors that influence power plant carbon emissions is funded by the National Science Foundation. He is the founding co-editor of the journal *Sociology of Development*, and a consulting editor for the *American Journal of Sociology*.

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