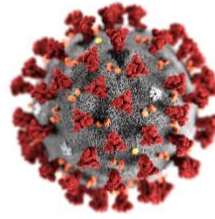


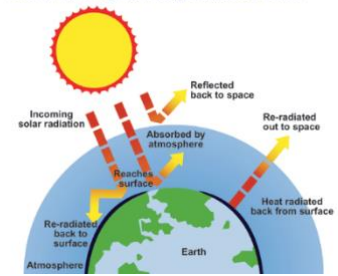
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SOC/GCS 194: Nature and Society

Prerequisites: None



Global warming and the greenhouse effect



Climate change, the latest deadly virus rapidly spreading around the world, plastic islands in the middle of the world's oceans, massive extinctions of plant and animal species – ecological collapse appears to be in our midst. We lament the destruction that human activity has inflicted on the environment. Yet, the ecological crisis of our times compels us to question the assumption that there is a separate sphere called 'the environment' that humans act upon. There is growing recognition in the social sciences and humanities that this nature-society binary is at the root of the crisis in the first place. In this introductory course in environmental studies, we will explore the multiple and conflicting perspectives on the relationship between nature and society.