Master in Political Ecology
Academic year: 2019-2020

Contributing to policy

Instructors:
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Objectives
- Learn how to build collaborative relationships with public administration, with the goal towards transformative policies grounded in degrowth, resilience and regenerative development frameworks
- Explore strategies and methodologies for connecting grassroots movements with public administration
- Explore strategies and methodologies for designing public policy via participatory processes led and informed by grassroots, supported by public administration, and implemented jointly

Structure
This course consists of various instructors. One class of two hours will be given by Barcelona counsellor Alvaro Porro (in his office building), followed by a demonstration walk through the building. Four more classes of two hours each will be given by Miquel Ortega and members of the non-profit cooperative Resilience.Earth.

Evaluation
The evaluation of each student will be based on the degree of engagement and participation in the material, or alternatively, a short written critical reflection submitted by email after the class (300-400 words approx).

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Class 1, June 10th (11.00-13.00), Miquel Ortega
This class will build upon the current and past politics and practice from inside. Speakers will share the experience of "Barcelona en Comú" in their first and second mandate in Barcelona municipality. We will talk about the limits and opportunities to incorporating radical political proposals, including ones related to degrowth and political ecology. We will discuss these in relation with the administrative or structural limits of public institutions, and reflect upon discourses, strategies and relations with the social movements “outside” the municipality.
**Class 2, June 11th (11.00-13.00; 12.00-16.00), Resilience.Earth**
This class will centre upon public policy development led by and informed by grassroots movements and general civil society, and how community activists/catalysts can engage public administration in transformative policies that are grounded in resilience and degrowth, within the practical framework of regenerative development. The class will be highly participatory and students will have the opportunity of putting into practice some of the tools introduced during the class.

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**Class 3, Social and solidarity economy of Barcelona, June 18th, (11.00-13.00), Alvaro Porro, Sala Polivalente 2, InnoBA, calle Perú, 52, Barcelona**

This class will build upon the current and past politics and practice from inside. Speakers will share the experience of "Barcelona en Comú" in their first and second mandate in Barcelona municipality. We will talk about the limits and opportunities to incorporating radical political proposals, including ones related to degrowth and political ecology. We will discuss these in relation with the administrative or structural limits of public institutions, and reflect upon discourses, strategies and relations with the social movements “outside” the municipality.

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**Class 4, June 17th (11.00 - 13.00), Miquel Ortega**

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