



## **Trajectories of Urban Environmental Justice: Theoretical Developments and Practical Experiences from Mexico and Latin America**

Environmental deterioration and climate change, along with the persistent inequalities in the distribution of their consequences, are unquestionably among the most pressing problems of everyday life in cities. The increasing seriousness and notoriety of these inequalities have become concerning issues for governments and local organizations over various scales and regions. Furthermore, environmental justice has emerged as a collective expectation and demand within social movements that experience the unequal distribution of pollution and environmental risks in shared spaces.

This course will examine the trajectories of community struggles for urban environmental justice in Latin America. During its sessions, we will address the roots, paths, and trends of these struggles, and examine the meaning of environmental justice as a concept and claim within political ecology. Additionally, we will address the relevance of concepts such as territory, relationality, community, and materiality. Consequently, we will identify some distinctive features, current trends, and perspectives of environmental justice in Mexican and Latin American cities.

The observation of shared practices is fundamental to trace the potential trajectories of just and sustainable ways of coexistence in modern cities and the disputed transformation of places and communities on these processes. Therefore, the course combines conceptual reflections with empirical observations of present conflicts over waste, food, water, energy, and place, paying particular attention to the implications of everyday life in urban settings. Lastly, we will discuss methodological strategies for the analysis of environmental justice practices and protests in contemporary cities of Mexico and Latin America.