

New Horizons in Human Geography

ENVS116

This module will touch on two important and inter-related themes: poverty and crime. It will first explore the complex and multi-dimensional causes of global poverty. It will assess whether the World Bank's US\$1 is a good measurement of poverty. Apart from looking for solutions to global deprivation and marginalisation, students will learn project management skills, such as designing logical framework to meet local needs and participatory rural appraisals. Another theme is geography of crimes. It will touch on the analysis of crime patterns, house prices and health-related data, and the development of novel analytical and visualisation-based approaches to explore this data and understand underlying processes, and inform policy. They will also discuss the methodologies underlying spatial statistical analysis and geographical information systems, and their application in analysing different nature and patterns of crimes. They will also touch on Geographically Weighted Regression: the analysis of spatially varying relationships.

The module will involve twelve 2-hour lectures and workshops. Students are expected to participate actively in class. Through interactive activities, such as news clips and group presentations, students learn theories and practices by active engagement.

Students will be assessed by a 2-hour examination at the end of the module. There are formative assessments through the module.

