

Research Frontiers in Human Geography

ENVS161

Contemporary Human Geography is a diverse discipline which offers unique insights into many of the most pressing challenges facing the world in the 21st Century. Many of the issues that reach the headlines on a daily basis are inherently geographical and research within human geography makes important contributions to knowledge of a broad range of social, cultural, political, economic, environmental and development challenges. This module provides an introduction to cutting edge debates within contemporary human geography, highlighting the ways in which the discipline contributes to interdisciplinary knowledge production across the humanities and social sciences. Each week, the module will provide an introduction to a different sub-disciplinary field (see indicative list below), which will be explored with the aid of specific worked examples which encourage students to apply the theoretical issues discussed to 'real world' issues. Assessment is a combination of exam and a group presentation where students will explore the contribution which geographical research is making to a 'real world' issue of their choice.

Indicative subject areas include:

- Historical Geography
- Political Geography
- Social geography
- Cultural geography
- Environmental geography
- Rural Geography
- Urban Geography
- Development Geography

