ENVIR 430 / JSIS 484A
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Environmental Issues in East Asia

Spring 2024
Tue 4:30-6:20
5 credits
Hybrid: 2hr in-person class & 2hr online work weekly
(PoE Majors: Policy/Governance & Values and Cultures)

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Participate in a Virtual Learning Project with Students from Taiwan

- Recognize and understand the causes and effects of contemporary environmental issues in East Asia through a comparative lens
- Examine the cultural, social, political, and economic implications of environmental challenges in the East Asia region
- Practice critical thinking and effective communication skills through class assignments and writing instructions
- Practice cross-cultural communication and gain proficiency in virtual collaboration technologies

This course surveys contemporary environmental issues in East Asia: China, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan. Focusing on the topics of pollution, waste, energy, environmental movements, and environmental policies, we will delve into case studies to analyze how each country responds to the environmental challenges differently and with what consequences. International scholars with expertise in East Asia will be invited to share their latest research on course topics. This course culminates with a virtual collaboration project with partners from Taiwan to examine the accessibility of outdoor environmental education in Taiwan and Seattle.