

## Sessional Instructor Posting for CUPE 4163 (Component 3) School of Environmental Studies

**Course Title: ES 380 - Political Ecology of Food Systems**

**Posting Date:** February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 **Closing Date:** March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### **Course Description:**

This course introduces students to political ecology through the lens of contemporary food systems. Food is examined as a socio-ecological infrastructure shaping land use, labour relations, colonial histories, multispecies relations, and environmental outcomes. Drawing on political ecology, critical food studies, sociology, and science and technology studies, the course explores how capitalism, colonialism, governance, and industrialization structure food production, distribution, and consumption. Topics include land dispossession, industrial agriculture, labour and migration, environmental justice, toxicity, biodiversity loss, and food sovereignty movements.

### **Position Summary:**

The School of Environmental Studies invites applications for a sessional instructor to teach *ES 380: Political Ecology of Food Systems*. The successful candidate will deliver lectures, facilitate seminar-style discussions, and guide students through applied systems-based analysis of contemporary food systems, with an emphasis on power, inequality, and environmental change.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Deliver course lectures and facilitate seminar-style and discussion-based learning in accordance with the approved course outline.
- Select and engage students with scholarly readings and case studies related to political ecology and food systems.
- Develop, administer and assess course assignments, including analytical writing, discussion-based engagement, and systems mapping or applied analysis exercises.
- Support students in critically examining food systems as interconnected socio-ecological structures shaped by political, economic, and historical forces.
- Provide academic guidance and feedback to students and maintain regular communication throughout the term.

### **The ideal candidate will have:**

- Academic expertise in political ecology, environmental justice, food systems, or a closely related field.
- Demonstrated experience teaching at the university level, particularly in seminar-based or discussion-oriented courses.
- Experience engaging interdisciplinary approaches that link environmental change, social inequality, governance, and political economy.
- Ability to support students in systems thinking, critical analysis, and applied socio-environmental inquiry.

### **Employment Details:**

The salary range for this appointment is \$1,700–\$2,078 per month, based on qualifications and experience, and in accordance with CUPE Local 4163 (Component 3) Collective Agreement. Appointment is conditional on sufficient student enrollment and budgetary approval.

### **How to Apply:**

Applicants are invited to submit a CV and cover letter detailing their qualifications and suitability for the position, to **Sarah Theophilus, Administrative Officer**, at [stheo@uvic.ca](mailto:stheo@uvic.ca).

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