This seminar examines the trajectory of recent and new works in human environment geography that integrate the environmental/ecological sciences and social sciences/geo-humanities. It focuses in particular on political ecology, social-ecological systems, and global change dynamics.

This offering of the seminar in human environment geography includes emphasis on the topics of biodiversity, food, climate change, development and poverty, urbanization, livelihoods, land use, and spatial theory and analysis including new advances using the conceptual frameworks of territory and landscapes. Models, concepts, and methods are discussed with regards to recent, current, and incipient works on each topic.

The broader goal of this seminar is to develop critical yet instrumental engagements with approaches in human environment geography that bridge and link both complex human-social conditions, on the one hand, and dynamic biogeophysical scientific systems of knowledge, on the other hand.