

ECOPOLITICS PODCAST: Additional Pedagogical Resources (Episodes 1 & 2)

[Episode 1: Introducing the EcoPolitics Podcast](#)

Overview: Co-hosts Ryan and Peter share how they got involved in ecopolitics and the themes that inspired them to create the podcast.

[Episode 2: Introduction to EcoPolitics](#)

Overview: Dr. James Meadowcroft (Carleton) sheds light on how the environment has become a defining issue in Political Science, and on his work encouraging sustainability transitions.

Key Takeaways

- The domestic environmental movement has transformed since the 1960s, impacting the development of environmental policy in Canada.
- Settler-Colonial history and resource extraction go hand in hand in Canada.
- Our own eco-worldviews and the worldviews of others may differ, making it critical to unpack contrasting visions and objectives for the planet, people, and future generations.
- Within the landscape of Ecopolitics there is a relationship between Racism, Settler-Colonialism, Patriarchy, and Capitalism.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you think the governance of environmentalism involves more of a cooperative or a competitive dynamic?
2. How do you think settler-colonialism influences environmental politics in Canada?
3. What is the role of technology in environmental politics? Does technology support sustainability efforts, or harm them?
4. How does your worldview inform the positions you take on eco-political issues? What is the role of epistemological and ontological assumptions in our worldviews?

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Learn more about our Hosts

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- <https://www.uottawa.ca/environment/people/katz-rosene-ryan>
- <https://ryankatzrosene.blogspot.com/p/about-me.html>

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Learn more about our Guest

James Meadowcroft

- <https://carleton.ca/sppa/james-meadowcroft/>

Projects Dr. Meadowcroft has been involved with:

- The Transition Accelerator - <https://transitionaccelerator.ca/>
- Efficiency Canada - <https://www.energycanada.org/>
- Task Force for a Resilient Recovery <https://www.recoverytaskforce.ca>

Select articles, books and videos

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Learn more about Canadian Environmental Politics

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- VanNijnatten, Debora L. *Canadian Environmental Policy and Politics: The Challenges of Austerity and Ambivalence*. Oxford University Press. 4th edition. 2015.

Learn more about the Land and Water

- Find the Indigenous territory you are living on: <https://native-land.ca>
- GreenUP. "Gichitwaa Nibi - Sacred Waters Water Teaching with Elder Dorothy Taylor." Youtube. April 15 2021. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rrR5cLTboSU>

Learn more about the histories of Canada and Environmental Governance

- Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. 2015. *Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls for Action*. Winnipeg.
https://ehprnh2mwo3.exactdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf
- **Check out these videos on land governance past, present, and future:** David Suzuki Foundation www.youtube.com/watch?v=3sVg0Cvqh3k. *Land Governance: Past*. Youtube. April 22 2021.
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