Module variant to: Topics in Biodiversity, Evolution and Ecology

Module: Political and aesthetic representation of nature in human societies	
University/Department/Teaching Unit: Freie Universität Berlin/Department of Biology, Chemistry, Pharmacy/Biology	
Module coordinator: Dr. Florian Ruland	
Prerequisites: none	
Learning objectives: Students have a broad overview of how concepts of nature representation across cultures and history. They have the competence to understand and discuss these contents and ultimately trace back ideological foundations behind past and present nature protection initiatives.	
Content: Students learn about the ways in which nature is represented in human societies. This includes an exploration of the history of animal rights, ideas of sustainability and eco activism across different parts of the world.	

Modes of instruction	**Contact hours** (hours per week during the semester)	**Types of active participation**	**Work load** (in hours)	
Lecture (V)	2	–	Class attendance (lecture) Preparation, before and after (lecture)	30 15
Seminar (S)	1	Preparation of scientific papers, participation in discussion and question-and-answer session	Class attendance (seminar) Preparation, before and after (seminar) Exam preparation and exam	15 15 75
Module assessment		Written exam (60 minutes), wholly or partially in multiple-choice format; can also be carried out electronically or written report on research results (approx. 10 pages) or examination colloquium (approx. 20 minutes)		
Language		English		
Regular attendance required		Seminar: yes, lecture: attendance recommended		
Total workload		150 hours		5 credit points
Duration		one semester		
Frequency		irregular		
Applicability		Master's degree program M.Sc. Biology; Master's degree program M.Sc. Biodiversity, Evolution and Ecology		

Utilization in the following specializations (decision by the examining board):

Biodiversity, Evolution and Ecology	x
Genetics and Genomics	
Microbiology	
Molecular- and Cellular Biology	
Molecular Plant Sciences	
Neurobiology	
Biology	x