

MASTERCLASS

with Professor Saleem Ali



'The Necessity of Eclectic Methodologies in Environmental Social Science'

In this Masterclass we will consider the challenges political science researchers face when dealing with complex environmental policy problems that are predicated in natural science analytics.

What are the ways in which scholars trained in conventional social science methods can tackle such problems using a range of methodological tools. Professor Ali will share examples from his own interdisciplinary research which has employed a range of both quantitative, spatial and qualitative methods. We will consider how methods from social science complement natural science methods and how to effectively work in complex epistemic research teams which can harness such synergies. There are two short readings which all participants should do before the masterclass and will be shared with all registered participants.

Professor Saleem H. Ali holds the Blue and Gold Distinguished Professorship in Energy and Environmental Policy at the University of Delaware (USA). He is also a Senior Fellow at Columbia University's Centre on Sustainable Investment and at Georgetown University's Center for Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Studies. Professor Ali has held the Chair in Sustainable Resources Development at the University of Queensland's Sustainable Minerals Institute in Brisbane, Australia (where he retains professorial affiliation). His books include "Treasures of the Earth" (Yale University Press) and Islam and Education: Conflict and Conformity in Pakistan's Madrassas (Oxford University Press). Prof. Ali received his doctorate in environmental planning from MIT; a masters in Environmental Studies from Yale University and a Bachelors in Chemistry (summa cum laude) from Tufts University. He serves on the governance task force for the United Nations' International Resource Panel and the World Commission on Protected Areas.

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TIME: 1pm - 4pm

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