

SOC 205 Week 9: Overview

Introduction

As a global community and within our local communities, we face multiple crises that sometimes appear to have no current solutions. How do we respond? This chapter explores social movements that express solutions, like the set of indigenous movements of food systems, land and resource rights, indigenous knowledge and science witnessed in the IIED workshop.

We'll first describe what social movements are and how they work from multiple theoretical perspectives. Then we'll discuss the environmental crisis from a sociological perspective, and why it calls for social movements. Finally, we'll explore movements that respond to some environmental challenges of our time.

We'll begin to answer these questions together:

1. How do sociologists study social movements?
2. How can social movements reshape perspectives and improve lived experiences for members of societies?
3. How can social movements correct injustice and address social and environmental challenges?
4. How can collaboration for social change support social and environmental resilience and the creation of a positive future?

Weekly Learning Outcomes (WLO)

After successful completion of this week, you will be able to:

1. Identify how sociologists study social movements (CO1)
2. Demonstrate how social movements can reshape perspectives and improve lived experiences for members of societies (CO2, CO3)
3. Discuss how social movements can correct injustice and address social and environmental challenges (CO2, CO3)
4. Describe how collaboration for social change can support social and environmental resilience and the creation of a positive future (CO2, CO3)