

Environmental Humanities Initiative at the University of South Florida

The Environmental Humanities (EH) is a wide field of study that engages with central and pressing environmental and human dilemmas as well as with issues of equity and social justice in a time of rapid change. Humanities scholars from different disciplines are at the forefront of the response to climate change and sustainability efforts acknowledging the link between environmental degradation and social inequality. They also strive to find points of contact between the nature-culture separation that underlies traditional conceptions of scientific and humanistic disciplines. Environmental Humanities scholarship has emerged in several institutions of higher learning bringing together scholars not specifically trained in the natural sciences but committed to environmental thinking and practice within and beyond the academy.

The Environmental Humanities Initiative at the University of South Florida is spearheaded by [Dr. Patrizia La Trecchia](#) with the aim of acknowledging the contribution of the Humanities to the mitigation of the current environmental crisis within a transnational and transdisciplinary perspective. The critical study of food is an integral part of the initiative, given its centrality to culture, history, and the social sciences, together with issues related to the environmental justice movement, food justice, extractivism, waste, and the visual communication of just sustainability.

The first course in the Environmental Humanities at the University of South Florida, ITA 4930 Environmental Humanities, will be offered in Fall 2022.



