Western Philosophy of Social Science

Lecture 15. Environmental justice and democracy

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Environmental policies and consequences

• Economic development has obvious implications for the environment
Moral regard for future generations
Intrinsic value of the environment?
Tradeoffs between multiple goods

- Well-being versus environmental quality
Sustainable development?
Democracy
What is democracy?
The intrinsic value of democracy

- Social realization of human freedom
- A mechanism for addressing inequalities of power and wealth
Does democracy enhance development?
Does democracy impede development?
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