

# Western Philosophy of Social Science

## Lecture 15. Environmental justice and democracy

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# Environmental policies and consequences

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- Economic development has obvious implications for the environment



# Moral regard for future generations

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Intrinsic value of the  
environment?

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# Tradeoffs between multiple goods

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- Well-being versus environmental quality

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# Sustainable development?

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# Democracy

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What is democracy?

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# The intrinsic value of democracy

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- Social realization of human freedom
- A mechanism for addressing inequalities of power and wealth



Does democracy enhance  
development?

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Does democracy impede  
development?

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