Presentation at Occidental College

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Environment and Society Research Group
The Environment and Society Research Group is established in 2006. The group is composed of professors and associate professors from School of sociology, law school, School of Journalism and Communication, School of Environment, Department of philosophy and Department of History of Nanjing University. Besides, It's Supported by Institute of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences of Nanjing University.
Institute of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences of Nanjing University
The aim of the group is to promote interdisciplinary teaching and research on the environment. We try to establish communication and cooperation between humanities, social sciences and natural sciences.

For the time being, we plan to publish an annual (or a periodical) and will publish series of books and translations, such as survey reports on China environmental pollution.

The cooperation of our group has just started and need further improvement. I think we can learn the successful experience of environmental team cooperation from your College.
II

The course

--Environment and Society
The course -- *Environment and Society*

We have offered the course *environment and society* for all the undergraduates of different majors since 2006 and we have compiled a handout *environment and society* in 2008. The textbook is planned to be officially published in the second half of this year.
Main contents of the handout

- Environmental change and human civilization
- Modernization and environmental crisis
- Eco-system and material recycling
- Ecological footprint and Environmental carrying capacity
- Changes of environmental policy instruments
- Circular economy and sustainable development
- Theories and focuses of the contemporary environmental ethics
- Environmental human rights and the development of modern environmental law
- Environmental justice and movement in China and in the world
The course -- *Environment and Society*

- The course *environment and society* has been listed as one of General Education Courses of Nanjing University in 2012. It has also been financed by Nanjing university--Nanjing University has allocated course construction cost 25,000 yuan. And we can obtain 10,000 yuan subsidy annually if we offer the course hereafter.

- The number of students on this optional course is about 200; most of them are freshmen and sophomores. We will require students to submit the survey reports on environment of their hometowns (*it can be done through document investigation or Field investigation*) and some of the reports are excellent.
The course -- *Environment and Society*

- By studying this course, students have increased their awareness of environmental protection. They have also developed the ability to carry out interdisciplinary research on environmental issues and think about them from interdisciplinary perspectives.

- However, we have discovered several problems in the teaching process; for example, since the number of the lecturing teachers is a little large, it seems difficult to establish and maintain a stable and good relationship between teachers and students. In order to improve the teaching quality, we plan to reduce the number of the lecturing teachers appropriately from the second half of this year.
III

Possible Cooperation with your college
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ⅰ About teachers of your college

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About teachers of your college

- Academic visit and communication
  Welcome professors of Occidental College to visit Nanjing University for academic purpose.
- Jointly held environmental seminar and meeting in Nanjing or LA.
- Translation
  Teachers of Occidental College have created some articles, textbooks and monographs on the research of environmental issues. We can organize a team of specialists to translate them into Chinese and publish them in China.
- Jointly apply for environmental research projects in China and USA.
About students of your college

- Welcome students of Occidental College to visit Nanjing University for academic exchanges and take the course *Environment and Society*.

- Nevertheless, there may be some linguistic obstacles. It is easy if the students of your college have basic Chinese communication capability; it would be difficult to some extent if the students of your college can't speak Chinese, because some teachers—including myself—can't lecture in English.
• Organize field investigations. There is an old saying in China, “Read thousands of books, travel thousands of miles”. If students of your college come to our university, we can organize them to carry out field investigations in Environmental Protection Agency and relevant enterprises. Besides, we can organize eco-tourism and they can enjoy the beautiful scenery in Nanjing and surrounding areas by the way. (*Please see several pictures*)
Ming Xiaoling Mausoleum: a world cultural heritage
Dr. Sun Yat-sen Mausoleum
Confucius Temple
Welcome

Dear professors, Nanjing was the capital of six dynasties in ancient China and she enjoys a long history and a splendid culture. Welcome to Nanjing and Nanjing University for a visit and academic communication.
The Landmark of Nanjing University
Thank you!