



# Earth and Planetary Science

## Fall 2009

### EPS 170AC

#### Crossroads of Earth Resources and Society

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TuTh 12:30 – 2 pm  
A1 Hearst Annex

CCN:19078  
4 units

This is both a Discovery and an American Cultures course that explores the past, present, and possible futures of a country in geo-political, economic, and cultural crisis. How can the American Dream appear as much as an unsustainable delusion as a once enviable participatory Democracy? We face today a crossroad in resource policy and cultural values over conflicting ideologies about science, education, accountability, and public works. What historical and geological events set us on this path of self-destruction? What choices today could resolve our differences? What kinds of change on a generational time scale could preclude another future collapse? How close to the Great Depression are conditions today?

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