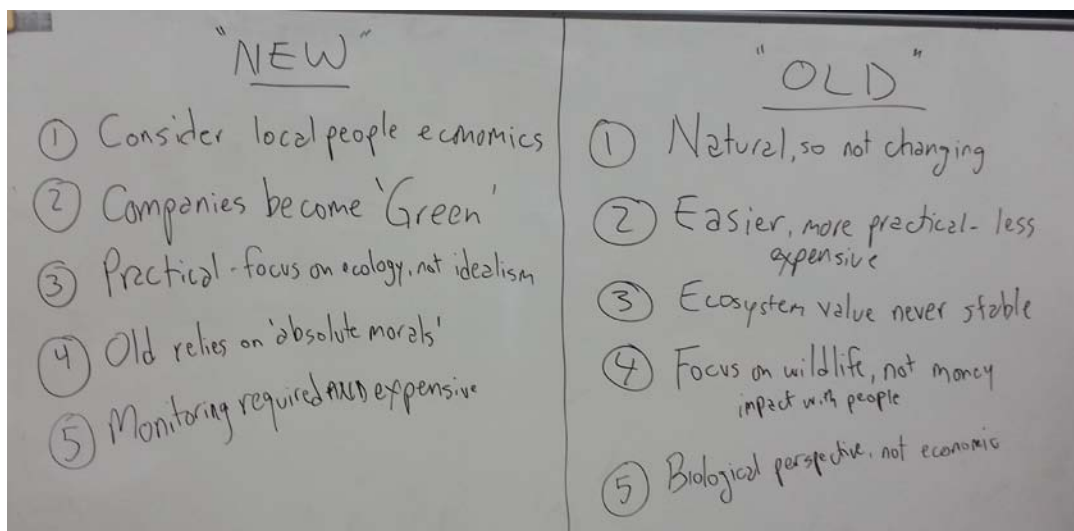


Wednesday, 20 July 2016

## Summary: CICASP “Science Communication” Workshop & Seminar

### Outline: CICASP Seminar 37 Mini-Debate

This workshop was a mini-debate on a controversial topic, where the students were divided into two teams. Each team was assigned one viewpoint to defend, as well as thinking of reasons that the other viewpoint was faulty. The opinions expressed during the mini-debate need not reflect the opinions of the students. The goal of the mini-debates is enhancing critical thinking skills that involve sharp questioning and answering about a topic, as well as thinking about the logic and justification for both viewpoints. For this workshop, the topic was “Old vs. New Conservation” based upon a series of weblogs posted on Mongabay that summarize the contentious debate about conservation. The “New” approach is essentially to view conservation as a way to alleviate poverty and promote sustainable development of the environment by forming alliances with large corporations that can fund both development and conservation. The “Old” approach focuses on preserving the landscape and the environment as priorities, rather than focus on economics, by including local people as stakeholders, but not tainting conservation efforts by establishing partnerships with big corporations, such as mining and oil companies. The students began the mini-debate with a summary of the two sides, which was followed by a discussion. Below is the summary:



Wednesday, 27 July 2016

### Outline: CICASP Seminar 38 Mini-Debate #2 [or Practice Presentations]

This workshop will either involve practice presentations by students, if anybody signs up to get feedback on a poster/presentation for a forthcoming meeting, or will be a second mini-debate. Background literature will be circulated next week, if this session is a mini-debate. The topic involves a controversial and contentious issue regarding the evolution of human nature and people.