

1/ COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will adopt a global perspective on the formation and the implementation of environmental policies. Given the nature of environmental problems one cannot separate the local from the global. Environmental regimes do work across the jurisdictional scale, and across state boundaries. Quite often the national sovereignty dogma impedes progressive policy-making and policy implementation. Therefore, international power politics as well as national and sub-national actors' strategies are part of the policy debate. Various non-state actors, including NGOs, TNCs and scientists, strive to influence and shape global environmental policies. The global politics of the environment are not limited to intergovernmental relations.

This course is divided in four parts: after setting the stage and defining some fundamental concepts in part 1, we will assess the role of various types of actors in part 2, then turn to two important subfields of global environmental politics, the atmosphere in part 3 and biodiversity in part 4. The last lecture will provide us the opportunity to draw some lessons and make concluding comments.

2/ EXAMS

=> For IEP students (4th year of the degree), this course is part of the end of the academic year "Oral de spécialité". Although the course is taught in English, the exam will be taken in French. A list of acronyms and technical terms properly translated will be provided in due time.

=> For ERASMUS and English Track students a specific written exam will be organised at the end of the semester (April). ERASMUS students will have the option to write the exam either in French or in English.

3/ SUGGESTED READINGS

- Jennifer Clapp and Peter Dauvergne. *Path to a Green World: The Political Economy of The Global Environment*. Cambridge Mass.: MIT Press (2011) 2005.

- Pamela S. Chasek, David L. Downie, Janet Welsh Brown. *Global Environmental Politics*. 4th edition. Boulder Col.: Westview Press, (2010) 2006.

- Philippe Le Prestre, *Protection de l'Environnement et relations internationales : les défis de l'écopolitique mondiale*, Armand Colin, 2ème édition, 2005

- Lorraine Elliott, *The Global Politics of the Environment*, Houndsmills (EU), Palgrave, 2004.

Some journal article, reports or other documents will be attached to each lecture for the students to download from the Moodle page.

1st part: Setting the stage

Lecture 1: The environment from the local to the global

Origin of ecological problems – transboundary issues - global commons – environmental risk - environmental change as global issue

Lecture 2: Environment and development: conflicting priorities

Limits of growth - Third World quest of development - Sustainability

Lecture 3: Environment and IR theory

Realism - Institutionalism - Transnationalism - Critical Theory

2nd part: The actors of GEP

Lecture 4: State actors

Impediments to cooperation - regime negotiation - states and implementation

Lecture 5: Non-state actors (1): International Organisations and Scientists

Environmental IOs -UNEP - the EU - Epistemic Communities - IPCC

Lecture 6: Non-state actors (2): Transnational corporations and NGOs

TNCs and NOGs in negotiations - TNCs and NOGs in transnational governance

3rd part: Atmospheric commons

Lecture 7: The Ozone layer protection

Vienna convention - Montreal Protocol - success story?

Lecture 8: Climate change

UNFCCC - Kyoto Protocol - Current deadlock

4th part: Biodiversity conservation or management?

Lecture 9: Whales

International Whaling Commission - role of NGOs - sustainable hunting?

Lecture 10: Biodiversity convention

CBD - Cartagena Protocol - Nagoya protocol - a resource utilization regime

Lecture 11: Endangered species (CITES)

Trade and endangered species - Washington convention - role of IUCN

Lecture 12: Conclusion: 1972-2012, 40 years down the road: incremental progress towards a sustainable world or business as usual?