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SOCIOLOGY, POLITICS AND  
ECONOMICS

ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS OF THE  
EUROPEAN UNION



## ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to present the current situation and the challenges of the Environmental Law and Policy of the European Union, including problems of enforcement due to the different national interests and commitments of EU Member States. The EU goals and approaches for environmental protection are discussed and, in some cases, compared with those of the USA and/or other countries, through presentations and seminars.

### CONTENTS

#### THEORETICAL SYLLABUS:

1. Introduction to the EU: History of the integration process in Europe.
2. The EU Institutional System.
3. Decision Making in EU Environmental Politics.
4. EU Environmental Legal Framework.
5. EU approach to the precautionary principle.
6. Implementation and Enforcement of EU Environmental Law.
7. EU Member States Overview and their attitudes towards the Environment.
8. Energy policy and the environment: the challenge of climate change.
9. EU Natura 2000 network: Protecting Habitats and Birds.
10. Environmental Protection and Cooperation to Development.

#### PRACTICAL CONTENTS:

- Seminars and/or workshops will be held in connection with some of the previous issues.
- Field trips to relevant Centers and Institutes in the fields of European Policies and Environmental Studies.



## TEACHING METHODOLOGY

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- Teaching methods will mainly be: lecturing accompanied by demonstration through examples.
- They will also include collaborative methods such as classroom discussions, group projects, etc.
- Individual assignments will include: reading texts and summaries, research papers and presentations.

## ASSESSMENT

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Assessment criteria are as follow:

- 80% attendance to classes is required in order to be assessed.
- Midterm and final written examinations, 50%.
- Submitted papers, 20%.
- Attendance and participation in class, 10%.
- Participation in seminars and workshops, 20%.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

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MANDATORY READING:

- David Langlet, Said Mahmoudi, *EU Environmental Law and Policy*, Oxford, September 2016. ISBN-10: 0198753934, ISBN-13: 978-0198753933.
- Ludwig Kramer, *EU Environmental Law*, Sweet & Maxwell; 8th Revised edition, October 31 2015. ISBN-10: 0414050258, ISBN-13: 978-0414050259.
- Paul Graig, Gráinne de Búrca, *EU Law. Text, Cases, and Materials*, Oxford, 2015. ISBN: 978-0-19-871492-7.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES:

- Andrew Jordan and Camila Adele (eds.), *Environmental Policy in the EU: Actors, institutions and processes*, Routledge, 2012. ISBN: 978-1-84971-469-3.
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- Suzanne Kingston (ed.), *European Perspectives on Environmental Law and Governance*, Routledge, 2013. ISBN: 978-0-415-50006-7 (hbk), 978-0-203-09656-7 (ebk).
  - Henrik Selin, Stacy D. VanDeveer, "Broader, Deeper and Greener: European Union Environmental Politics, Policies, and Outcomes", *Annu. Rev. Environ. Resour.*, 2015. 40:309–35
  - Simon Schunz, *European Union Foreign Policy and the Global Climate Regime*, P.I.E. Peter Lang, 2014. ISBN: 978-2-87574-134-9.
  - Yumiko Nakanishi, *Contemporary Issues in Environmental Law. The EU and Japan*, Springer, 2016. ISBN: 978-4-431-55435-6.