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## **Environmental Politics**

This course aims at depicting how contemporary societies have tackled environmental problems. It will address the first policy developments which paved the way for key principles and areas in environmental legislations as well as in international negotiations. A focus on actors and ideas will complete this perspective, thus showing the forces shaping environmental politics.

### **1. Introduction**

#### **I. Mapping ideologies and discourses**

2. Ecologism and green political thought
3. Mapping environmental discourses
4. New discourses for present times?

#### **II. Environmental mobilisations and social movements**

5. Environmentalisms across time and countries
6. Environmental Justice Movements

#### **III. Public policies and Environmental states**

7. Policy responses and obstacles to change
8. The EU environmental policy and policy change

#### **IV. International agreements and cooperation**

9. Dealing with international problems: ozone and tropical forests
10. Biodiversity: the other emergency
11. Conclusion: Reconciling environment and development?

**Prerequisites:**

Basic knowledge in sociology and political science (social action, collective action, public policies, international relations)

There is no preparation needed before the lectures. However, students are advised to follow-up with the questions listed at the end of each session in order to test their understanding of the subject. Questions and discussion are welcome. For each session an additional bibliography will be provided.

**References:**

Carter Neil, *The politics of the Environment*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2018.  
Dauvergne, P. *Environmentalism of the Rich*, Cambridge, MIT Press, 2016.

Dryzek, J., *The politics of Earth, Environmental discourses*, Oxford, Oxford University Press (3rd ed.) 2013.

Doyle, T. and MacGregor, S. (eds.), *Environmental movements around the world: shades of green in politics and culture*. (2 volumes), Praeger, 2014.

Szarka, J., *The Shaping of Environmental Policy in France*, New York Berghahn Books, 2002.

**Assessment:**

Written exam (60 min.), questions related to the course.