

ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

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

CONTENT

1. Introduction to EU: History of the integration process in Europe.
2. EU Member States Overview and their attitudes towards the environment.
3. Introduction to EU Institutional System.
4. Decision Making in the EU Environmental Politics.
5. EU Environmental Legal Framework.
6. Problems of Enforcement of the EU Environmental Law.
7. EU approach to the precautionary principle.
8. EU Natura 2000 network: Protecting Habitats and Birds.
9. Energy policy and the environment: EU's Energy Security Challenges.
10. Environmental Protection and Cooperation to Development.
11. EU and USA Approaches to Trade and Environment.
12. Climate Change.
13. The EU - USA TTIP.

ASSESSMENT

- 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%.

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