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Global Environmental Politics (in English)

Friday 12-14, Master Seminar #15376, (V) Globales Regieren,
Garystr.55/105 Seminarraum (Garystr. 55) +

Monday 16-18, Open Lecture Hall: *Stockholm+50: Five decades of global environmental governance*, Lecture hall A, Henry-Ford-Building, Garystr. 35
- with exceptions! -

This seminar accompanies the public lecture series “Stockholm+50: Five decades of global environmental governance”, Mon. 16:15-17:45 (attendance required). Heads of state met for the first time to address global environmental problems 50 years ago, in Stockholm in 1972, for the United Nations (UN) Conference on the Human Environment. Since then, the world has witnessed many environmental summits and appeals for sustainable development, most recently, the Climate Change Conference in Glasgow. While climate change receives the most attention, in 2015, the UN General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda with a set of wide-ranging goals that articulate the desired outcome of sustainable development in diverse areas: the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The course and lecture series start with “the green targets” of Agenda 2030, i.e. SDG 13 (Climate Action), SDG 15 (Life on Land), SDG 14 (Life below Water) and SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation). The following sessions cover the SDGs with environmental trade-offs and synergies, in particular, SDG 2 (Food Security), SDG 5 (Gender Equality), SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) and SDG12 (Responsible Consumption and Production). In addition, we look at the role that cities (SDG 11) and partnerships (SDG 17) might play for an environmentally sound implementation of Agenda 2030 and conclude with a synthesis.

Students prepare and moderate each public lecture. Instead of a classic term paper (Hausarbeit), students conduct and transcribe an interview with a guest lecturer based on his/her manuscript (in addition to preparing an abstract of the lecture manuscript, see below). The aim is to outline the full spectrum of sustainability perceptions, to identify governance failure and responsibilities, and to allow developing alternative and innovative approaches to accelerate a transition to sustainability.

Schedule (preliminary)

Date	Time	Content
Fri 22-04	12:15-13:45	<p>(1) Introduction and organizational issues & SDG 13 Climate Action</p> <p>Please already join the first session to understand the rationale of the course and to prepare the first guest lecture on Mon 25 April!</p> <p>Each student prepares a lecture and conducts an interview with the respective lecturer based on the lecture manuscript. Please consider on which SDG you would like to focus. Also, for this first session, please read the manuscript and prepare answers to the guiding questions:</p> <p>Schreurs, Miranda: International climate change politics: From Rio de Janeiro to Glasgow [SDG 13], draft manuscript for 25 April 2022.</p> <p><i>Optional:</i></p>

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		<p>Bäckstrand, K., Kuyper, J.W., Linnér, B.-O., Lövbrand, E., 2017. Non-state actors in global climate governance: From Copenhagen to Paris and beyond. <i>Environmental Politics</i> 26 (4), 561–579.</p> <p>Bodansky, D., Rajamani, L., 2018. The evolution and governance architecture of the United Nations climate change regime. In: Luterbacher, U., Sprinz, D.F. (Eds.), <i>Global Climate Policy</i>. The MIT Press, pp. 13–65.</p> <p>Guiding questions (same for each session):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) How have perceptions of sustainable development changed in politics and research since the 1992 Earth Summit? 2) Which actors and institutions have most mattered for governance efforts over the last three decades, and who should be held accountable for success and failure? 3) Which alternative and innovative forms of governance exist and deserve more research attention for a transition to environmentally salient sustainability?
Mon 25-04	16:15-17:45	<p>International climate change politics: From Rio de Janeiro to Glasgow</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Miranda Schreurs, Chair of Environmental and Climate Policy, Hochschule für Politik, Technical University of Munich</p>
Fri 29-04	12:15-13:45	<p>(2) SDG 13 Climate Action & SDG 15 Life on Land</p> <p>We start this session with a reflection on the lecture on SDG 13 (25 Apr) and then prepare the lecture and Q&A/ interview on SDG 15 (2 May) together. Please read the manuscript and prepare answers to the guiding questions (see above):</p> <p>Kleinschmit, Daniela: Plant a tree and save the world? Changes in governance arrangements since 1992 [SDG 15], draft manuscript for 2 May 2022.</p> <p><i>Optional:</i></p> <p>Dempsey, J., 2016. <i>Enterprising nature</i>. John Wiley & Sons, Ltd, Chichester, UK., chapter 2 (via Primo): https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/9781118640517.ch2</p> <p>Kleinschmit, Daniela: Grundlagen der supranationalen Waldpolitik, Bundeszentrale für Politische Bildung 2017, online available (in German): https://www.bpb.de/apuz/260684/grundlagen-der-supranationalen-waldpolitik (Download 15 March 2022).</p>
Mon 02-05	14:15-15:45	<p>Plant a tree and save the world? Changes in governance arrangements since 1992</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Daniela Kleinschmit, Chair of Forest and Environmental Policy, University of Freiburg</p>
Fri 06-05	12:15-13:45	<p>(3) SDG 15 Life on Land & SDG 14 Live below Water</p> <p>We start this session with a reflection on the lecture on SDG 15 (2 May) and then prepare the lecture on SDG 14 (9 May) together. Please read the manuscript and prepare answers to the guiding questions:</p> <p>Vadrot, Alice: Protecting life below water: competing orders, interests, and forms of knowledge [SDG 14], draft manuscript for 9 May 2022.</p> <p><i>Optional:</i></p> <p>Vadrot, A.B., Langlet, A., Tessnow-von Wysocki, I., 2021. Who owns marine biodiversity?: Contesting the world order through the ‘common heritage of humankind’ principle. <i>Environmental Politics</i>, 1–25.</p>

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Mon 09-05	16:15-17:45	Protecting life below water: competing orders, interests, and forms of knowledge Assoz. Prof. Dr. Alice Vadrot, ERC Research Project MARIPOLDATA, University of Vienna
Fri 13-05	12:15-13:45	(4) SDG 14 Life below Land & SDG 6 Clean Water and Sanitation We start this session with a reflection on the lecture on SDG 14 (9 May) and then prepare the lecture and Q&A/ interview on SDG 6 (16 May) together. Please read the manuscript and prepare answers to the guiding questions: Fischer, Manuel, Sustainable development and water: cross-sectoral, transboundary and multi-level governance arrangements [SDGs 6 and 13], draft manuscript for 16 May 2022. <i>Optional:</i> Rockström, J., Falkenmark, M., Allan, T., Folke, C., Gordon, L., Jägerskog, A., Kummu, M., Lannerstad, M., Meybeck, M., Molden, D., Postel, S., Savenije, H., Svedin, U., Turton, A., Varis, O., 2014. The unfolding water drama in the Anthropocene: towards a resilience-based perspective on water for global sustainability (in en). Ecohydrol. 7 (5), 1249–1261.
Mon 16-05	16:15-17:45	Sustainable development and water: cross-sectoral, transboundary and multi-level governance arrangements Dr. Manuel Fischer, Group Leader Eawag/ Adjunct Professor at the Institute of Political Science, University of Bern
Fri 20-05	12:15-13:45	(5) SDG 2 Food Security & SDG 7 Affordable and Clean Energy We prepare both lectures on SDG 2 (23 May) and on SDG 7 (30 May) together. Please read the two(!) manuscripts and compare the two fields of global environmental politics by answering the guiding questions: Mehta, Lyla: Water for life and food: synergies between SDGs 2 and 6 and human rights [SDGs 2 and 6], draft manuscript for 23 May 2022. Goldthau, Andreas: Clean energy services: universal access as enabler for development? [SDG 7], draft manuscript for 30 May 2022. <i>Optional:</i> Franco, J., Mehta, L., Veldwisch, G.J., 2013. The global politics of water grabbing. Third World Quarterly 34 (9), 1651–1675. Goldthau, A., 2016. The handbook of global energy policy. Wiley.
Mon 23-05	16:15-17:45	Water for life and food: synergies between SDGs 2 and 6 and human rights Prof. Lyla Mehta, PhD, Professorial Fellow, Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex
Fri 27-05		Bridging day after Ascension Day (no course on Friday), but lecture on Monday, 30 May!
Mon 30-05	16:15-17:45	Clean energy services: universal access as enabler for development? Prof. Dr. Andreas Goldthau, Vice Director Willi Brandt School of Public Policy, University of Erfurt
02/03-06		High-level meeting “Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity”, see: https://www.stockholm50.global/
Fri 03-06		No course on Friday and no lecture on Monday (Pentecost is a public holiday)

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Fri 10-06	12:15-13:45	<p>(6) SDG 17 Partnerships for the Goals</p> <p>We start this session with a comparative sum-up and first synthesis of all lectures held so far and then prepare the lecture and Q&A/ interview on SDG 17 (13 June) together. Please read the manuscript and prepare answers to the guiding questions:</p> <p>Pattberg, Philipp: Partnerships for the goals: facilitating the biodiversity-climate-governance nexus? [SDG 17], draft manuscript for 13 May 2022.</p> <p><i>Optional:</i></p> <p>Pattberg, P., Widerberg, O., 2016. Transnational multistakeholder partnerships for sustainable development: Conditions for success. <i>Ambio</i> 45 (1), 42–51.</p>
Mon 13-06	16:15-17:45 !! Online/ livestream !!	<p>Partnerships for the goals: facilitating the biodiversity-climate-governance nexus?</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Philipp Pattberg, Director of the Amsterdam Sustainability Institute, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam</p>
Fri 17-06	12:15-13:45	<p>(7) SDG 8 Economic Growth (Monday lecture is online/livestream)</p> <p>We reflect upon on synergies and trade-offs between the diverse goals, and then focus on the lecture and Q&A/ interview on SDG 8 together (20 June) together. Please read the manuscript and prepare answers to the guiding questions:</p> <p>Chertkovskaya, Ekaterina: From economic growth to socio-ecological transformation: Rethinking visions of economy and work under SDG 8, draft manuscript for 20 June 2022.</p> <p><i>Optional:</i></p> <p>Chertkovskaya, E., 2019. Degrowth in theory, pursuit of growth in action: Exploring the Russian and Soviet contexts. In: Chertkovskaya, E., Paulsson, A., Barca, S. (Eds.), <i>Towards a political economy of degrowth</i>. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, London, UNITED KINGDOM, pp. 101–120.</p>
Mon 21-06	16:15-17:45 !! Online/ livestream !!	<p>From economic growth to socio-ecological transformation: Rethinking visions of economy and work under SDG 8</p> <p>Ekaterina Chertkovskaya, Project Coordinator at Environmental and Energy Systems Studies, Lund University</p>
Fri 24-06	12:15-13:45	<p>(8) SDG 8 Economic Growth & SDG 5 Gender Equality</p> <p>We start this session with reflection on the lecture on SDG 8 (20 June) and the prepare the lecture on SDG 5 (27 June) together. Please read the manuscript and prepare answers to the guiding questions:</p> <p>MacGregor, Sherilyn: ‘We will not be mainstreamed into a polluted stream’: An ecofeminist critique of SDG 5, draft manuscript for 27 June 2022.</p> <p><i>Optional:</i></p> <p>MacGregor, S., 2021. Making matter great again?: Ecofeminism, new materialism and the everyday turn in environmental politics. <i>Environmental Politics</i> 30 (1-2), 41–60.</p>

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Mon 27-06	16:15-17:45	'We will not be mainstreamed into a polluted stream': An ecofeminist critique of SDG 5 Prof. Dr. Sherilyn MacGregor and Aino Ursula Maki, The University of Manchester
Fri 01-07	12:15-13:45	(9) SDG 12 Responsible Production and Consumption & SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities (next two Monday lectures online/livestream) We start this session with reflection on the lecture on SDG 5 (27 June) and then prepare the lecture on SDG 12 (4 July) together. Please read the manuscript and prepare answers to the guiding questions: Lorek, Sylvia (Bengtsson, Magnus) et al.: Realising sustainable consumption and production [SDG 12], draft manuscript for 4 July 2022. Kosovac, Anna; Pejic, Daniel: Cities and the SDGs: a spotlight on urban settlements [SDG 11], draft manuscript for 11 July 2022. <i>Optional:</i> Bulkeley, H., 2021. Climate changed urban futures: Environmental politics in the Anthropocene city. <i>Environmental Politics</i> 36 (8), 266–284. Kosovac, A., Acuto, M., Jones, T.L., 2020. Acknowledging Urbanization: A Survey of the Role of Cities in UN Frameworks. <i>Global Policy</i> 11 (3), 293–304. Le Blanc, D., 2015. Towards integration at last?: The Sustainable Development Goals as a network of targets. <i>Sustainable Development</i> 23 (3), 176–187.
Mon 04-07	10:15-11:45 !! Online/ livestream !!	Realising sustainable consumption and production: Beyond neoliberal governance? Dr. Magnus Bengtsson, Future Earth
Fri 08-07		No course on Fri 08-07 (we prepare the lecture on SDG 11 on 1 July)
Mon 11-07	10:15-11:45 !! Online/ livestream !!	Cities and the SDGs: a spotlight on urban settlements Dr. Anna Kosovac and Daniel Pejic, The University of Melbourne
Fri 15-07	12:15-14:45	(10) Final discussion: The environment in global sustainability governance For our last session, please go through all the manuscripts and your notes again for a final wrap-up! <i>Optional:</i> Elder, M., Olsen, S.H., 2019. The design of environmental priorities in the SDGs. <i>Global Policy</i> 10 (S1), 70–82. Partzsch, Lena: Introduction: Environmental Governance and Agenda 2030, draft manuscript / Synthesis: The environment in global sustainability governance, draft manuscript for 18 July 2022.
Mon 18-06	16:15-17:45	The environment in global sustainability governance Prof. Dr. Lena Partzsch, Professor of Comparative Politics with as focus on Environmental and Climate Politics, Otto-Suhr-Institute, Freie Universität Berlin

Exam and grading (case study)

All lecture manuscripts are mandatory course readings. In addition to the course sessions, each student moderates at least one lecture followed by a Q&A session. The transcription of this Q&A session and

an extra interview with the lecturer substitute a classic Hausarbeit (term paper). Therefore, the interviews and transcripts need to reference the course readings, including a literature list at the end. The length should be max 2,000 words per student (if you conduct and transcribe an interview together, please indicate who is responsible for which part). After discussion in class, shorten the transcript to 500-600 words to be included in a book along with the respective lecture manuscript as a chapter. In addition, please prepare an abstract of max 1,000 words (if you work individually, the abstract can be shorter). The guiding questions should serve you to structure the interviews and to link the lectures to each other.

Please send the Q&A/ interview transcripts and abstracts as word files to lena.partzsch@fu-berlin.de no later than two weeks after the respective lecture (9 May for the lecture on 25 April, and so forth)! Ensure that you indicate all names of involved course participants in the document and provide your student/matriculation number in the email text.

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