

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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The study programme in environmental policy has the following main goals:

- to present an overview of environmental problems and prospects of solving them from a social scientific perspective;
- to introduce main instruments used in environmental policy on the international, national and local level.

According to specific agreements, some of the book examinations specified below can be passed by writing essays or by attending courses which are announced separately for every semester.

BASIC STUDIES 25 ECTS (15 credits)

Introduction to Environmental Policy (7 ECTS, 4 credits) EP1

An introduction to environmental problems and environmental policies from a social scientific perspective.

Book examination:

- Barry: *Environment and Social Theory*. Routledge 1999.
- Cudworth: *Environment and Society*. Routledge 2003.
- Roberts: *Environmental Policy*. Routledge 2004.
- Doyle–McEachern: *Environment and Politics*. Routledge, London 1998.

Environmental Problems and Policy Responses in Finland (6 ECTS, 4 credits) EP2

A description of the state of the environment and environmental policy in Finland.

Book examination:

- Haila–Levins: *Humanity and Nature. Ecology, Science and Society*. Pluto Press 1992.

- Sairinen: *Regulatory Reform of Finnish Environmental Policy*. Helsinki University of Technology, Espoo 2000.
- Kontinen et al: *All Shades of Green. The Environmentalization of Finnish Society*, Jyväskylä 1999.

Environmental Problems and Developing Countries (6 ECTS, 3 credits) EP3

An introduction to environmental problems in the Third World: sustainable development, use of natural resources and problems in urban environment.

Book examination:

- Hardoy–Mitlin–Satterthwaite: *Environmental Problems in an Urbanizing World*, London 2001 (or later).
- Jasanoff–Martello (eds): *Early Politics. Local and Global in Environmental Governance*. MIT Press, 2004.

Constitution of Environmental Problems, Threats and Policies (6 ECTS, 4 credits) EP4

Social scientific perspectives on how society has become conscious of environmental problems and threats and on political issues in designing and implementing environmental policy measures.

Book examination:

- Macnaghten–Urry: *Contested Natures*, SAGE 1998.
- Hajer: *The Politics of Environmental Discourse*. Clarendon Press. Oxford 1995.
- Jamison: *The Making of Green Knowledge*. Cambridge University Press 2002.

INTERMEDIATE STUDIES 35 ECTS (19 credits)

Globalization and the Environment (7 ECTS, 4 credits) EP5

Institutionalization and “regimes” in international environmental policy; globalization; the role of the environment in changing relations between nation states.

Book examination:

- Porter–Brown–Chasek: *Global Environmental Politics*, 3d ed, Westview Press, Boulder 2000 (or later).
- Kenny–Meadowcroft (eds): *Planning Sustainability*. Routledge, London 1999.
- Young: *Global Governance: Drawing Insights from the Environmental Experience*. MIT Press, 1997.
- Yearley: *Sociology, Environmentalism, Globalization*. Sage, London 1996.

Environmental Economics
(7 ECTS, 4 credits) EP6

An introduction to economic thinking on the relationships between society, economy and the environment and the economic instruments adopted in environmental and developmental policy.

Book examination:

- Vatn: *Institutions and the Environment*. Edward Elgar, London, 2005.
- Common–Stagl: *Ecological Economics: An Introduction*. Cambridge University Press, 2005.
- Edwards – Jones – Davies – Hussain: *Ecological Economics: An Introduction*. Blackwell Science, 2000.
- Chang–Grabel: *Reclaiming Development: An alternative economic policy manual*. Zed Books, London, 2004.

Science, Knowledge and Professionalism
(7 ECTS, 4 credits) EP7

An introduction to the role of science and professionalism in the context of environmental politics and struggles.

Book examination:

- Bocking: *Nature's Experts: Science, Politics, and the Environment*. Rutgers University Press 2005.
- Fischer: *Citizens, Experts and the Environment. The Politics of Local Knowledge*. Duke University Press, 2000.

- Forsyth: *Critical Political Ecology. The Politics of Environmental Science*. Routledge 2003.

Everyday Practices and the Environment (6 ECTS, 3 credits) EP8

Exploration of the role of individual consumption in environmental politics.

Book examination:

- Shove: *Comfort, Cleanliness and Convenience: The Social Organization of Normality*. Berg Publishers, 2003.
- Van Vliet – Chappells - Shove: *Infrastructures of Consumption. Environmental Innovation in the Utility Industries*. Earthscan 2005.

Environmental History
(4 ECTS, 2 credits) EP9

An introduction to the history of the relationship between humanity and nature and to environmental changes produced by human activity in the past.

Book examination:

- McNeill: *Something New Under the Sun. An Environmental History of the Twentieth- Century World*. W. W. Norton 2000.

Environmental Philosophy
(4 ECTS, 2 credits) EP10

An introduction to philosophical, particularly ethical views on the relationships between humanity and nature; the history of ideas of nature.

Book examination:

- Plumwood: *Feminism and the Mastery of Nature*. Routledge, London 1993.
- Simmons. *Interpreting Nature: Cultural Construction of the Environment*, Routledge, London 1993.