Environmental Governance

Prerequisite and/or corequisite: None

Course # EAES 3052

6 Credits

Course Description

Environmental governance refers to how and why societies and governments manage the relationship between human beings and the natural world. To study environmental governance is to study the rationales, rhetoric and structures of environmental management systems, and to compare these systems to understand why certain environmental problems are managed as they are, what approaches to environmental management are more (or less) successful, and for whom and in what ways they are (or are not) successful. This course seeks to provide tools for describing, discussing and analyzing the issues that underpin environmental management problems.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, the students should be able to:

- Apply key concepts and theories of institutional analysis in relation to environmental issues.

- Evaluate the effectiveness of four major institutional forms (state, market, civil society, and global governance bodies) in addressing environmental problems.

- Analyze a particular environmental management problem through the lens of an applicable governance model in writing.

Course Assignments and Grading

Item	Weight
Participation	10%
Reading posts	60%
Essay	30%