

Law and Economics of the Environment

Titulaires

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Mnémonique du cours

ECON-S467

Crédits ECTS

5 crédits

Langue(s) d'enseignement

Anglais

Période du cours

Deuxième quadrimestre

Campus

Solbosch

Contenu du cours

This course focuses on the legal and economic questions and tools embedded within environmental policies. It will cover a number of policy areas and offer case studies to explore the interactions and contradictions of legal and economic mechanisms to address today's environmental challenges.

The courser will be structured as follows:

Part 1: KEY CONCEPTS IN LAW AND ECONOMICS OF THE ENVIRONMENT

- 1 Setting the language: concepts, tools, actors / institutions (CA & EC)
- 2 Principles (CA)
- 3 Prices and Markets for environmental protection (EC)
- 4 The role of information (EC)
- 5 Standards and voluntary tools (CA)
- 6 Environmental rights and access to justice (CA)
- 7 Understanding risk and impact (EC)

Part 2: CASE STUDY PRESENTATIONS BY STUDENTS

In the second part of the course, the students will choose a case study within a list of given options to present to the class (in groups or solo, depending on the number of registered students). The goal of these case study assignments is for students to apply the concepts seen in part 1 to practical cases, develop a critical understanding of the tensions, trade-offs and legal, economic and policy challenges involved, evaluate the different instruments and possible alternatives and effectively communicate research findings. Some structuring questions will be provided to help them framing the presentations.

- 1 *Case studies session 1*
- 2 *Case studies session 2*
- 3 *Case studies session 3*
- 4 *Case studies session 4*

Part 3: WRAP-UP SESSION

- 1 *Wrap-up session (guest speaker TBC)*

Objectifs (et/ou acquis d'apprentissages spécifiques)

At the end of the course participants should have:

- > Knowledge of the economic principles and tools, as well as their interaction with legal rules and institutional processes that govern current policy responses to environmental challenges;
- > Develop a critical understanding of the different economic, legal, regulatory and policy instruments/approaches available to address environmental issues and their pros and cons;
- > Understand the tensions, debates and issues in law and economics that surround environmental policy, drawing specific examples from the European Union; when appropriate

Méthodes d'enseignement et activités d'apprentissages

This course will combine lectures and case study discussions. Students are expected to prepare for each class and to contribute to class discussion.

Références, bibliographie et lectures recommandées

All references will be available either on the uv or in the library.

Support(s) de cours

Université virtuelle

Autres renseignements

Lieu(x) d'enseignement

Solbosch

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Méthode(s) d'évaluation

Présentation orale, Rapport écrit et Autre

Méthode(s) d'évaluation (complément)

Students will be evaluated on the basis of their case study analysis and class participation.

Construction de la note (en ce compris, la pondération des notes partielles)

The final grade will be based on students' case study analyses and presentation thereof (80% of the final grade) and class participation (20%). Students failing the course will be asked to pass an oral exam and resubmit a written case in August (80% of the final grade), keeping their participation grade as is.

Langue(s) d'évaluation principale(s)

Anglais

Programmes

Programmes proposant ce cours à la Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management

MA-ECON | **Master en sciences économiques** | finalité Economic Governance and Public Policy in Europe/bloc 2

Programmes proposant ce cours à la faculté de Philosophie et Sciences sociales

MA-ETEU | **Master en études européennes** | finalité Politique européenne/bloc 1, finalité Politique européenne/bloc 2 et finalité EU and Asia/bloc 1

Programmes proposant ce cours à l'institut d'Études européennes

MS-EURI | **Master de spécialisation interdisciplinaire en études européennes** | bloc U