

Course Announcement IGS North-South

Autumn Semester 2019

Time: Starting on 16 September 2019, taking place on Mondays (16:15-18:00)

Title: Thinking cities / Villes et développement

Module: DTM

ECTS: 5

Institution: IGD, University of Lausanne

Lecturers: M. Müller & R. Véron

Content: The course traces the different approaches through which scholars throughout the world have analysed urban processes and urban planning, and the different models and visions that have guided city building. In a first part entitled 'thinking cities', we discuss the major theories of cities and urban processes, with a particular focus on recent theories. This includes theories on: cities and capital; cities and postmodernism; cities and the world; cities from elsewhere; cities and difference; cities as assemblage. The second part, entitled 'building cities', focuses first on prescriptive theories, which aim to develop approaches for planners and interrogate the role of planners: rational planning; advocacy planning; communicative/collaborative planning; pragmatic planning; adaptive planning and non-planning. Second we will discuss earlier and contemporary normative planning models, which develop physical pictures of an ideal city or advocate specific planning principles such as Modernism and contemporary normative models such as the sustainable city, the smart city etc.

Plus de 50% de la population mondiale vit dans les villes et le monde continue de devenir de plus en plus urbain. Les taux de croissance urbaine sont particulièrement élevés dans les pays du Sud (notamment en Afrique et en Asie) et les villes dans les pays en voie de développement et émergents doivent faire face à une rapide expansion. Cela a motivé un intérêt renouvelé pour la problématique des villes du Sud de la part de la pratique et de la théorie du développement. Les villes sont vues comme les sites (et même les moteurs) du développement économique mais elles sont également confrontées à des grands défis sociaux et économiques tel que le manque de logements adéquats, de services urbains, d'opportunités d'emplois dignes, etc. Ce cours examine des différentes perspectives de l'urbanisation et du développement urbain dans les pays du Sud et des problématiques sociales et économiques qui y sont reliées. Le cours introduit plusieurs conceptualisations du processus de l'urbanisation ainsi que des approches du développement urbain. De plus, des problèmes urbains particuliers comme le logement, la pauvreté et le sous-emploi seront discutés. Les étudiant(e)s analyseront ces problèmes et réfléchiront à des possibles solutions dans les cas des villes choisies.

This course will be held in English and French

Learning objectives: Competences: Understand main propositions of key theories and debates relating to cities and planning; Distinguish between different types of theories; Assess strengths and weaknesses of different theories; Evaluate different city models and visions; Reconstruct the link between theoretical debates and urban outcomes; Transfer analyses between different urban contexts; Choose an appropriate theory for a research question.

A la fin du cours, les participant(e)s seront en mesure de: décrire et expliquer les processus urbains et les conditions de vie dans les villes du Sud; appliquer des concepts introduits dans ce cours pour examiner des problèmes concrets du développement et des solutions proposées dans une ville; rédiger un rapport de type « consultant du développement » et communiquer ces résultats visuellement et oralement.

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Time: Starts on 16 September 2019, taking place on Mondays (17:15-18:00)

Title: Seminar: Advances in Infection Biology, Epidemiology and Global Public Health

Module: DTM

ECTS: 1

Institution: Swiss TPH, University of Basel

Lecturers: Jürg Utzinger

Content: This seminar series is centered on research topics in the field of infection biology and epidemiology and allows MSc and PhD students of Swiss TPH or of associated institutions to present their ongoing work. Besides presenting the state of research, the seminar allows for discussions on conceptual and operational (design, analysis, interpretation) questions surrounding scientific work.

Learning objectives: -

Place: Swiss Tropical & Public Health Institute, Kilimanjaro

Contact: Jürg Utzinger (juerg.utzinger@unibas.ch)

Registration: via Mobility: <https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Mobility/Mobility-Switzerland/Students-Registering-From-Other-Swiss-Universities.html>

Time: Starting on 17 September 2019, taking place on Tuesdays (12:15-13:45)

Title: Understanding Peace Processes – the case of Syria

Module: DTM

ECTS: 3

Institution: swisspeace, University of Basel

Lecturers: Sara Hellmüller

Content: Described as the worst humanitarian catastrophe of the twenty-first century, the armed conflict in Syria is one of the biggest peacebuilding challenges of our times. It has led observers to question the use of existing approaches and tools to respond to conflicts and engendered reflections about their appropriateness in today's wars. Scholars and policy-makers particularly point to three trends in contemporary armed conflicts: highly fragmented conflict parties, the rise of extremist groups, and increased dynamics of regionalization and internationalization of conflicts. The seminar examines these developments as well as the role of current international peacebuilding in responding to these challenges. It introduces the main theoretical debates on peace processes and reviews theories on conflict causes, ripeness of conflicts, mediation styles and effectiveness, as well as on broader peacebuilding approaches. It uses the Syria case to illustrate these theoretical insights while at the same time critically reflecting on their relevance and thinking about new research avenues that would be needed to better understand contemporary conflicts.

Learning objectives: Students are familiar with the main theoretical debates on conflict causes and peace processes and have applied them to the Syria case. They know how to use different analytical tools and theories in peace research to better understand peace processes and at the same time to critically question them and suggest alternative approaches.

Place: Alte Gewerbeschule, Seminarraum -159

Contact: Dana Landau (dana.landau@swisspeace.ch)

Registration: Register through University of Basel, if this is not possible, contact Dana Landau (Priority will be given to students of Political Science. The places are assigned according to date of enrollment and subject of study.)

Time: Taking place on Tuesdays (16:00-17:00, exact dates dba)

Title: Research colloquium Human Geography

Module: DTM

ECTS: 1

Institution: Development Study Group Zurich (DSGZ), University of Zürich

Lecturers: Ross Shackleton

Content: In this forum we discuss ongoing research in Human Geography

Learning objectives: -

Place: Department of Geography, Winterthurstr. 190

Contact: Norman Backhaus (norman.backhaus@geo.uzh.ch)

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Time: Taking place on Tuesdays (11:00-12:00, exact dates tba)

Title: Research colloquium Political Geography

Module: DTM

ECTS: 1

Institution: Development Study Group Zurich (DSGZ), University of Zurich

Lecturers: tba

Content: In this forum we discuss ongoing research in Political Geography

Learning objectives: -

Place: Department of Geography, Winterthurstr. 190

Contact: Timothy Raeymaekers (timothy.raeymaekers@geo.uzh.ch)

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Time: Starting on 17 September 2019, taking place on Tuesdays (13:15-16:00)

Title: Gestion de ressources, agriculture et conservation

Module: DTM

ECTS: 5

Institution: IGD, University of Lausanne

Lecturers: V. Boisvert & G. Walters

Content: L'objet de ce cours est de présenter les principaux modèles et cadres analytiques mobilisables pour l'étude des régimes de gestion des ressources naturelles et des régimes de production agricoles et alimentaires. Les perspectives privilégiées sont celles de l'étude des communs (institutions et formes d'appropriation et de gestion collective des ressources) et celle de l'écologie politique. L'approche retenue est appliquée et interdisciplinaire. Une fois les principaux cadres d'analyse présentés (séances 1 et 2), avec quelques illustrations à l'appui, ils seront appliqués aux thématiques les plus actuelles de la gestion des ressources naturelles et des politiques agraires : services écosystémiques et rémunérations/compensations associées (séance 3), résilience et adaptation des socio-systèmes (séance 4), évolutions des filières agro-alimentaires internationales et de leur rapport à l'espace (séances 5 à 7).

This lecture will be held in French.

Learning objectives: Connaître des cadres d'analyse sur la gestion des ressources naturelles. Se familiariser avec les modèles de politiques agraires dans les pays en développement. Comprendre les régimes actuels de production et de distribution alimentaire mondiaux et leurs impacts locaux. Produire une analyse détaillée sur un cas précis de gestion des ressources naturelles.

Place: Géopolis 2238

Contact: V. Boisvert (valerie.boisvert@unil.ch)

Registration: To register to the course (as an external student), please contact Marie-Christelle Pierlot (marie-christelle.pierlot@unil.ch) or +41216923513

Time: Starting on 17 September 2019, taking place on Tuesdays (8:15-10:00)

Title: Introduction to One Health

Module: DTM

ECTS: 3

Institution: Swiss TPH, University of Basel

Lecturers: Esther Schelling & Jakob Zinsstag

Content: Environmental effects on the risk of infectious diseases are not new. Micro- and macro parasites share many fundamental properties with humans and animals. Hence, an ecological perspective is appropriate for understanding and controlling infectious diseases. Ecological thinking recognises the importance of fundamental physical, chemical and biological processes that affect the survival and reproduction of all living organisms. These include evolutionary, social, economic and political processes. Theoretical concepts move from “One Health”, which emphasises close cooperation of human and animal health interventions, to broader considerations of health in social-ecological systems.

Theoretical lectures and group work are combined with presentations from ongoing research projects on avian influenza, rabies, bovine tuberculosis, brucellosis and anthrax of the human and animal health research group at Swiss TPH. In this year, individual students are invited to contribute to a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on One Health.

Learning objectives: To provide insight into the ecology of infectious diseases in Africa to students of African Studies; to provide insight into the impact of disease on sustainable development to students of Sustainable Development; to provide background on environmental determinants of disease to students in Epidemiology.

Place: Swiss Tropical & Public Health Institute, Lhotse

Contact: Esther Schelling (esther.schelling@unibas.ch), Jakob Zinsstag (jakob.zinsstag@unibas.ch)

Registration: via Mobility: <https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Mobility/Mobility-Switzerland/Students-Registering-From-Other-Swiss-Universities.html>

Time: Taking place on Tuesdays (16:00-17:00), 01, 10 & 19 October; 05, 19 & 26 November 2019

Title: Zurich Colloquium in Human Geography

Module: DTM

ECTS: 1

Institution: Development Study Group Zurich (DSGZ), University of Zurich

Lecturers: Gabriela Valdivia, Nicola Ansell & Cheryl McEwan

Content: For the colloquium we invite internationally renowned scholars for a public talk. In fall semester 2019, the following guests will visit us: 01.10. Gabriela Valdivia, 05.11. Nicola Ansell and 26.11. Cheryl McEwan.

Learning objectives: -

Place: Dep. of Geography, Winterthurerstr. 190

Contact: Karin Schwiter (karin.schwiter@geo.uzh.ch)

Registration: no registration required

Time: Starting on 18 September 2019, taking place on Wednesdays (14:15-15:45)

Title: Politik zwischen Wissenschaft und Praxis – Beispiele aus dem Nord-Süd- Bereich

Module: DTM

ECTS: 3

Institution: swisspeace, University of Basel

Lecturers: Laurent Goetschel & Dana Landau

Content: Wissenschaftliche Politikberatung ist eine Form des Austausches zwischen Wissenschaft und Praxis: Politische Entscheidungsträger werden von Expertinnen und Experten mit Wissen versorgt. Ziel ist es, damit einen positiven Einfluss auf die Entscheidungsfindung auszuüben. Die Qualität der Politik soll verbessert werden. Welche Formen der Politikberatung gibt es? Welche Faktoren wirken sich positiv oder negativ auf die Politikberatung aus? Inwiefern spielen unterschiedliche Wissenskategorien und verschiedene Politikfelder eine Rolle? Wie wirkt sich Politikberatung auf das Selbstverständnis der Wissenschaft aus? Wie wirken sich die Interaktionen zwischen Wissenschaft und Praxis in ausgewählten Bereichen der Agenda 2030 aus?

This course will be held in German

Learning objectives: Die Teilnehmenden kennen verschiedene Formen der Politikberatung. Sie kennen verschiedene Wissensformen und können verschiedene Rollen von Expertinnen und Experten unterscheiden. Sie können die Rolle der Politikberatung in Funktion der Politikfelder beurteilen und vergleichen. Sie kennen die Möglichkeiten und Grenzen der Politikberatung und haben ihr Wissen zu politischen Entscheidungsprozessen verbessert. Sie verfügen über Grundwissen zu den Interaktionsformen zwischen Wissenschaft und Praxis in den Bereichen der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit, der Friedensförderung und der Klimapolitik.

Place: Alte Gewerbeschule, Seminarraum -159

Contact: Dana Landau (dana.landau@swisspeace.ch)

Registration: Register through University of Basel, if this is not possible, contact Dana Landau (dana.landau@swisspeace.ch)

Time: Starting on 18 September 2019, taking place on Wednesdays (10:15-11:45)

Title: New Research in Peace, Conflict and Development Studies

Module: DTM

ECTS: 3

Institution: swisspeace, University of Basel

Lecturers: Laurent Goetschel & Joschka Philipps

Content: Participants discuss research methods and new research perspectives in the field of peace, conflict, and development studies. Presentations and discussions are based on state of the art publications and on the participants ongoing or planned research projects at MA or PhD level.

Learning objectives: Participants are familiar with research approaches and methods in the thematic area of the seminar. They know how to discuss and compare these approaches and methods and they are better prepared for their ongoing or forthcoming research work.

Place: Alte Gewerbeschule, Seminarraum -159

Contact: Dana Landau (dana.landau@swisspeace.ch)

Registration: Register through University of Basel, if this is not possible, contact Dana Landau

Time: Starting on 18 September 2019, taking place on Wednesdays (12:15-13:45)

Title: Conflict and international organizations in the Global South

Module: DTM

ECTS: 3

Institution: swisspeace, University of Basel

Lecturers: Jamie Pring

Content: Since the end of the Cold War, international intergovernmental organizations have been at the forefront of international conflict management. These international organizations have established their own peacebuilding units and mandate peacemaking and peacekeeping missions. Second to the United Nations (UN), most of the activities are initiated by regional organizations in the Global South, for example, the African Union

(AU) in Africa, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in Southeast Asia, and Mercosur in South America. This seminar examines international organizations' activities in conflict management to analyze why and how they form, develop, and engage in peace and security issues. Furthermore, the seminar's focus on organizations in the Global South sheds light to dimensions of international community-building beyond the dominant Europe-based explanations. The seminar first discusses the main International Relations theories regarding the formation of international organizations. It then examines the different conflict management tools and the varying ways by which these international organizations employ them. Lastly, the seminar provides an overview of international organizations' interaction with the UN in the maintenance of peace and security.

Learning objectives: At the end of the course, students are knowledgeable of the different International Relations theories regarding the formation of international organizations. They are also familiar with international conflict management tools and the respective debates in peace and conflict studies. The overall aim is that students are able to apply these in understanding and analyzing the conflict management activities of regional organizations in the Global South, as well as these organizations' relationships with the United Nations.

Place: Alte Gewerbeschule, Seminarraum -159

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Time: Starting on 18 September 2019, taking place on Wednesdays (16:00-18:00)

Title: War in Africa – making or breaking states

Module: DTM

ECTS: 3

Institution: swisspeace, University of Basel

Lecturers: Sibel Gürler & Martina Santschi

Content: Violent conflict and civil wars in Africa have frequently been seen as either the cause or the consequence of state fragility. According to this way of thinking, many post-colonial states in Africa have 'failed' to hold on to their monopoly over the use of violence and thereby 'proven' the limits of their capacity to exercise power over society, as the upsurge in civil wars across the continent in the immediate post-Cold War era would indicate. In this seminar, we engage critically with such perspectives and ask instead how states in Africa, as elsewhere throughout the world, are (also) the product of (internal and inter-state) warfare. Civil wars, it will be argued, while being the cause of immense suffering on the part of civilian populations, do not simply destroy political orders, but also contribute to shaping and producing them.

Learning objectives: Students understand and reflect on the role of violent conflict and war in the history of state formation in Africa. They have knowledge of the most important theories of (civil) war, and are able to

critically analyse and weigh the importance of factors such as colonialism, economic inequalities, ethnicity, Cold War dynamics, natural resources (scarcity and abundance) as causes of violent conflict.

Place: Alte Gewerbeschule, Seminarraum -159

Contact: Dana Landau (dana.landau@swisspeace.ch)

Registration: Register through University of Basel, if this is not possible, contact Dana Landau (dana.landau@swisspeace.ch). The number of participants is limited to 40 people. The places are assigned according to date of enrollment and subject of study. Priority will be given to students of Political Science.

Time: Starting on 19 September 2019, Taking place on Thursdays (14:15-16:00)

Title: Cycle de projet: politique, conception, mise-en-oeuvre, suivi

Module: DTM

ECTS: 3

Institution: IGD, University of Lausanne

Lecturers: G. Walters

Content: Ce cours donnera les outils nécessaires pour développer un projet de développement ou de la conservation de la nature. Le cours, en 11 séquences articulé autour du « cycle du projet », focalisera sur les thèmes suivants : les politiques des projets, les besoins des acteurs, les demandes des bailleurs, la conception d'une idée de projet avec des acteurs, la théorie de changement, le cadre logique, la mise-en-oeuvre, l'évaluation des projets selon les normes de sauvegardes environnementales et sociales, le suivi-évaluation et la phase de bilan (« learning ») pour informer futurs projets. Les étudiant.e.s vont développer des projets utilisant un canevas d'un bailleur.

This course will be held in French

Learning objectives: Comprendre les contextes des projets, comment élaborer un projet avec des acteurs, comprendre les phases du cycle de projet.

Place: Géopolis 2238

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Time: Starting on 19 September 2019, taking place on Thursdays (10:15-12:00)

Title: Théories et histoire du développement

Module: DTM

ECTS: 3

Institution: IGD, University of Lausanne

Lecturers: R. Véron

Content: Ce cours est une introduction aux Etudes du développement dans une perspective géographique ainsi qu'un aperçu des théories du développement depuis la période d'après-guerre jusqu'au présent. Les Etudes du développement constituent un champ académique appliqué et interdisciplinaire qui examine les processus, stratégies, programmes et projets de développement dans le pays du Sud avec le but d'évaluer et d'améliorer les politiques et les projets visant à bénéficier les populations pauvres. Après une brève introduction au concept du développement, le cours examine dans une première partie les 'grandes théories' du développement des années 1950, 1960 et 1970. Ces théories et leurs résultats réels forment une base de la compréhension de l'essor du courant dominant néolibéral actuel. Dans une deuxième partie, cette approche néolibérale, ses révisions et ses critiques sont discutées. Ces théories récentes ont aussi influencé les approches de la coopération internationale et elles déterminent les préoccupations contemporaines dont nous discutons quelques-unes. Le cours met l'accent sur des approches généralisées et macro, mais des études de cas accompagneront les analyses critiques.

This course will be held in French

Learning objectives: À la fin du semestre, les étudiant-e-s auront développé leur:

- connaissance des concepts clés des Etudes du développement
- compréhension des théories principales du développement dans leur contexte politico-historique
- compétence permettant de comparer, d'évaluer et de critiquer les différentes théories du développement
- compréhension des liens entre théorie et pratique dans le champ du développement
- idée du jargon et de la pratique de la coopération internationale
- reconnaissance de la complexité des processus du développement dans les pays du Sud et des complications concernant les interventions de l'extérieur.

Place: Géopolis 2879

Contact: R. Véron (rene.veron@unil.ch)

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Time: Starting on 19 September 2019, taking place on Thursdays (10:15-11:45)

Title: International Conflict and Peacebuilding

Module: DTM

ECTS: 3

Institution: swisspeace, University of Basel

Lecturers: Laurent Goetschel

Content: This seminar provides an introduction to the concepts and approaches of peace and conflict research. It looks at different understandings of peacebuilding and security and at the causes of conflicts. Further themes include the prevention of conflicts and early warning as well as the challenges posed by terrorism and nuclear arms. Finally, the link of migration to conflict and peacebuilding is critically reviewed.

Learning objectives: Students are familiar with basic concepts and approaches of peace and conflict research. They know some of the most challenging developments to international peace and the coping strategies of the international community. Students are sensitized to critical approaches.

Place: Alte Gewerbeschule, Seminarraum -159

Contact: Dana Landau (dana.landau@swisspeace.ch)

Registration: Register through University of Basel, if this is not possible, contact Dana Landau (dana.landau@swisspeace.ch)

Time: Starts on 20 September 2019, taking place on Fridays (14:15-16:00)

Title: Current Ecological and Health Issues in Africa

Module: DTM

ECTS: 2

Institution: Swiss TPH, University of Basel

Lecturers: Jürg Utzinger & Günther Fink

Content: Every session consists of a student's report on a selected topic, preferably supported by a power-point presentation, followed by a detailed discussion. The report must be briefly summarized and distributed as a handout. The seminar is designed for arts and science students at MSc level.

Schedule

1) Introduction, outline the framework for the course, and nomination of speakers and their topics

2) Selection of topics covered (will be discussed in the first meeting):

Dams, irrigation and schistosomiasis; Climate change and vector-borne diseases; Contamination of human breast milk with pesticides; sources and mitigation measures; Integration of neglected tropical disease control programmes; Malaria and malaria control; Urban health; The Okavango insecticide spraying campaign; nothing

learnt from former lessons?; Pesticide use in developing countries; environmental and human health risks;
Does the improvement of cattle health cause the disruption of key ecological processes?
Economic crisis, food crises and health
Genetically-modified crops -- to do or not to do

Learning objectives: Human health is often cross-linked with environmental and social factors. Examples include - Land use practices that influence Malaria transmission rates, the contamination of human breast milk by pesticide residues from disease-vector control or plant protection measures, and hygiene-related problems in urban agriculture. The aim of the seminar is the acquisition of in-depth knowledge on primarily Africa-related specific topics in epidemiology and environmental sciences.

Place: Swiss Tropical & Public Health Institute, Matterhorn

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Registration: via Mobility: <https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Mobility/Mobility-Switzerland/Students-Registering-From-Other-Swiss-Universities.html>

Time: Starts on 20 September 2019, taking place on Fridays (9:15-13:00), week 1-7

Title: Qualitative and mixed methods

Module: DTM

ECTS: 1

Institution: Swiss TPH, University of Basel

Lecturers: Leah Franziska Bohle & Sonja Merten

Content: Description: Qualitative and mixed methods are gaining in importance in public health. In this lecture students will learn about the principles of these methods and study designs. By means of lectures and accompanying practical examples, different steps in using qualitative and mixed methods will be presented, including data collection, data management and analyses as well as presentation of findings.

Content:

Introduction to the basics of qualitative and mixed methods

Interrelationships and complementarity of qualitative and quantitative methods

Study design

Research methods

Data management and analysis

Use of software for managing qualitative data

Ethics

Learning objectives: To understand the principles of qualitative and mixed methods and study designs in health and health services research; to be able to apply basic qualitative and mixed methods in practice.

Place: Swiss Tropical & Public Health Institute, Lhotse

Contact: Leah Franziska Bohle (leah.bohle@unibas.ch), Sonja Merten (sonja.merten@unibas.ch)

Registration: via Mobility: <https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Mobility/Mobility-Switzerland/Students-Registering-From-Other-Swiss-Universities.html>

Time: Public lectures; 01 October, 05 & 26 November; Workshop: 27 November 2019; further dates tba

Title: Zurich Lecture cum Graduate Seminar in Development Geography

Module: DTM

ECTS: 1

Institution: Development Study Group Zurich (DSGZ), University of Zurich

Lecturers: various

Content: We invite an internationally renowned scholar for a public talk, a one-day workshop and for individual talks with PhD students. In the fall semester 2019, Gabriela Valdivia, Nicola Ansell and Cheryl McEwan will visit us.

Learning objectives: -

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Contact: Norman Backhaus (norman.backhaus@geo.uzh.ch)

Registration: Please register through Norman Backhaus (norman.backhaus@geo.uzh.ch). Please include also a brief description of your research topic and affiliation.

Time: 8-10 October 2019

Title: Governance in the Anthropocene

Module: DTM

ECTS: 1.5

Institution: CDE, University of Bern

Lecturers: Graziana Ceddia, Stephan Rist & Carla Inguaggiato

Content: The increasing interference human activities have on a number of planetary processes have led scientists to put forward the concept of Anthropocene. It is now abundantly clear that human activities over the past 200 years are pushing the Earth system into dangerous territory. Anthropogenic climate change and global loss of biodiversity are only two prominent examples. Urgent action is therefore required in order to govern human activities in order to prevent rapid societal collapse. However, understanding is a prerequisite for action.

The purpose of this course is therefore to: a) grasp the relationship between economic processes (namely economic growth/accumulation and its prerequisite, namely the “freeing” of labour from the means of production) and environmental degradation; b) develop a critical understanding of the issue of sustainability accounting for the tensions and contradictions posed by private or state-based forms of capitalist organization of current societies; c) discuss the role of governance and institutional arrangements in shaping the interaction between the economy and the biosphere; d) address the issue of governance from an environmental justice and emancipatory perspective.

Learning objectives:

- To attain a critical understanding of the role of economic processes (growth/accumulation) in the global environmental degradation
- To develop a critical understanding of the issue of sustainability
- To discuss the role of governance and institutional arrangements in shaping the interaction between the economy and the biosphere
- To address the issue of governance from an environmental justice perspective
- To attain a practical understanding of the use of social network analysis (SNA) for the study of governance problems of sustainable development
- To develop an in-depth knowledge of a particular case study

Place: UniS, Schanzeneckstrasse 1, Room A-124

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Registration: Register by e-mail to igs-north-south@cde.unibe.ch

Time: 22 October – 1 November (12:15-16:00)

Title: Environmental impact and risk assessments

Module: DTM

ECTS: 3

Institution: IGD, University of Lausanne

Lecturers: G. Walters

Content: This course focuses on techniques and tools to evaluate large, medium and small conservation and development projects, from oil palm plantations and mining company projects to biodiversity conservation projects. Over 8, half days, the course will expose students to the issues and risks around project implementation from both environmental and social concerns, discuss environmental impact assessments (including strategic environmental impact assessments), High Conservation Value and High Carbon Stock approaches, the mitigation hierarchy, environmental and social safeguards, Free Prior Informed Consent, environmental defenders, and engagement with local communities.

Group projects will be conducted whereby students learn how to apply the Environmental and Social Management System (focusing on biodiversity, invasive species, cultural heritage, indigenous peoples and resettlement) used by organisations such as the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) to assess conservation projects. Real-world projects will be assessed, using those developed for donors such as the Global Environmental Facility and the Green Climate Fund.

Current issues and debates will be explored (e.g. oil palm industry, project scandals by major conservation NGOs) and the class will visit IUCN Headquarters (Gland, Switzerland) to hear from specialists in the sector. A second field trip to an UNIL building work site is also planned. In class talks will be given by experts.

Learning objectives:

- To learn why environmental and social impact assessments were first implemented, their evolution, and the shortcomings
- To understand current methods use to evaluate projects from both environmental and social perspectives
- To apply an environmental and social safeguard system to a real world project

Place: Géopolis 2879

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