COURSE DETAIL

ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS
Country Singapore
Host Institution National University of Singapore
Program(s) National University of Singapore
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science Environmental Studies
UCEAP Course Number 117
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS
UCEAP Transcript Title ENVIRONMENTAL POLS
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description
This course introduces competing concepts and arguments in environmental politics. The course examines the ways in which political and economic institutions, regimes, culture, and norms interact with environmental outcomes at local, regional, and global levels; the roles different actors and institutions play in global environmental governance; and the interrelationship between environmental change and political action. It begins with the most basic and important questions: why does the environment matter? What causes environmental change? Why do environmental problems cause political controversies? Is there a mainstream environmental politics? Do the environment and economy form a zero-sum game? Is the environment solely a concern for the wealthy? Finally, which type of government best lends itself to resolving environmental problems? The second half builds atop this foundation, investigating the two most significant environmental problems: climate change and the biodiversity crisis. What caused these problems to arise, what is being done about them, and is it enough? Finally, the course examines the "intimate" environment: the places we live and the nature we put in our bodies. Through the study of urban environments and food we come to understand how the environment is not something detached from human life (spatially or temporally); rather, it is the very basis of our life, today and at every moment.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus

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