COURSE DETAIL

ENVIRONMENTAL DIPLOMACY
Country Switzerland
Host Institution University of Geneva
Program(s) Global Studies, Geneva
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science Environmental Studies
UCEAP Course Number 103
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title ENVIRONMENTAL DIPLOMACY
UCEAP Transcript Title ENV DIPLOMACY
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description

This course explores the origins and dilemmas of diplomacy pertaining to the protection of humanity's natural environment (resources, habitat). Definitions, collective discussions of crucial texts, brief oral presentations, and interpretation of a few primary sources form the basis of study. In addition to initiating researchers into undertaking historical research, the course enhances an understanding of how environmental diplomacy works, including the issues, main actors, strategies, and outcomes of environmental diplomacy. The course first identifies key terms and seeks to understand how international environmental problems are grasped by researchers in disciplines closer to environmental questions. It then approaches environmental problems in a historical perspective beginning with the age of the “first wave” of globalization just before and after the First World War. It focuses on the “environmental age” which started arguably in the 1960s and 1970s. The course examines how environmental problems were raised, conceptualized, put upon the agenda of governments and international organizations, and negotiated at the international level. Topics include pollution of the high seas, the regulation of whaling, the control of resources on land and under water, acid rain, the protection of (rain) forests, climate change, the protection of the Antarctic, and other issues. The course also provides an opportunity to develop methodological and interpretative skills, critical abilities, and presentation and writing skills.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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J2H230

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
Host Institution Degree
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