

COURSE DETAIL

ITALIAN ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS

Country

Italy

Host Institution

Accent, Sicily

Program(s)

Environmental Science in Sicily

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science Environmental Studies

UCEAP Course Number

118

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

ITALIAN ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course is concerned with how people, governments, organizations, and businesses understand environmental problems, negotiate interests, create policies, and implement solutions. It blends environmental studies, political science, political theory, law, social psychology, and economics. Its central aim is to analyze the structures and mechanics of power, knowledge, solidarity, cooperation, disagreement, and conflict as they operate in different societies and at different scales of social organization.

Its focus is on Italian environmental politics, which provides a complex case study given the many urgent issues Italy has to confront (including accelerating climate change, energy dependence, new challenges to food and urban systems, pollution, and rapid ecosystemic transformation and landscape degradation), its peculiarities (including its morphology, its centrality in the Mediterranean region, the constant entanglements between natural and cultural heritage on its territory, and the long shadow of criminal activities profiting at the expense of localities), its pugnacious, multilayered politics and highly bureaucratized policy-making, high levels of internal socio-economic and cultural diversity, and its evolving international relations.

The course asks questions like: who and what causes environmental problems, and how? Who is affected? Who decides what should be done, in whose name, and with what authority? What power do different actors have? What values guide environmental policy? How do national and local environmental policy-makers interact with regional and international institutions?

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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