COURSE DETAIL

TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS
Country Ireland
Host Institution Trinity College Dublin
Program(s) Trinity College Dublin
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science
UCEAP Course Number 129
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS
UCEAP Transcript Title TOPICS/INTL POL
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description

This course examines the international politics of environmental problems through a comparative lens. It explores how global environmental challenges – such as ozone depletion and climate change – are addressed through international regimes, multilateral agreements, and the participation of various state and non-state actors. Emphasis is placed on regime design, participation, and effectiveness, as well as the institutional complexity that often limits coordinated responses. The course also analyzes the link between climate change and conflict, the trade-environment nexus, the issue of environmental justice and prospects for future global environmental governance. Throughout, students engage with key theoretical frameworks and empirical cases to critically assess why international cooperation succeeds or fails. We also consider how environmental governance is shaped by power asymmetries, competing interests and evolving global norms.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
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Host Institution Campus

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School of Politics

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