

Course Announcement SS 2010

„Global Environmental Governance“

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Abstract

According to many scholars, we have witnessed a shift from government to governance in the political realm of Western societies, implying increased authority and legitimacy of private actors in policy making. Although a world government is lacking, similar effects are observed in the global arena, e.g. a shift from purely intergovernmental arrangements towards public-private or purely private ones. Also in the field of environmental policy making, such changes have occurred. The role of both NGOs and business has grown in global environmental policy making the last couple of decades. One might for example think of climate change, biodiversity and forest policy making at the global level. Yet some question the ‘real’ impact of these private (or non-state) actors in global governance. Therefore this course not only deals with ‘affirmative’ theories and empirical cases of global environmental governance, but with the ideas of some ‘skeptics’ too.

Objectives

1. To offer in-depth theoretical knowledge on global (environmental) governance, with a specific focus on the role of non-state actors (NGOs and business).
2. To present some case studies from the field of global environmental governance, notably forests and biodiversity.
3. To critically reflect on the assumptions and theses of global (environmental) governance scholars

Didactics: Lectures, discussions and essay writing

Examination

Students are obliged to write a short essay (3 pages) on the basis of the course lectures, the discussions and the papers. The essay should start with a certain proposition on global environmental governance, to be identified by the student him/herself, given his/her opinions and knowledge, after which this proposition is argued for, underpinned, defended, etc. The essays should make clear to the teacher that the students visited classes, read the papers and actively engaged in the discussions.

Schedule

Week 1: Introducing Global (Environmental) Governance

Lecture	Date / time	Topic	Literature
1	March 16, 14-16 h, SR09	Global governance	Paper 1 Pattberg
2	March 18, 13-15 h, SR09	Environm.governance	Paper 2 Arts

Week 2: Non-State Actors in Global Governance

Lecture	Date / time	Topic	Literature
3	March 22, 13-15 h, SR09	NGOs	Paper 3 Reimann
4	March 23, 14-16 h, SR09	Business	Paper 4 Sell

Week 3: Environmental Cases

Lecture	Date / time	Topic	Literature
1	April 20, 15-17 h, SR09	Forests	Paper 5 Cashore
2	April 22, 15-17 h, SR09	Biodiversity	Paper 6 Arts

Week 4: Reflection

Lecture	Date / time	Topic	Literature
1	April 27, 13-15 h, SR09	A realist view	Paper 7 Gilpin
2	April 29, 13-15 h, SR09	A radical view	Paper 8 Scholte

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Bas Arts holds a MSc in Biology (1987) and a PhD in the Policy Sciences (1998). Currently, he is Professor at the *Forest and Nature Conservation Policy Group* at Wageningen University and Research Centre, the Netherlands. His professional focus is on: (1) new modes of governance in global environmental politics (mainly with regard to forests, biodiversity, climate change); and (2) the role of private regulation and the power of non-governmental actors in global environmental politics. He (co)produced over a 100 scientific publications, including papers, book chapters, edited volumes, and research reports (e.g. in *International Political Science Review*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *Policy Sciences*, *Quality & Quantity* and *Journal of European Public Policy* and with *Cambridge University Press*, *Sage*, *Routledge*, *Springer*, *Edward Elgar* and *Palgrave-Macmillan*). In the first half of 2004, Arts was affiliated as a guest researcher to the *Max Planck Institute on Common Goods* in Bonn, Germany. Also, he is Visiting Professor at the *College of Europe* in Brugge (Belgium), 2010 Guest Professor at the *BOKU Institute* of the University of Vienna, Austria, member of the scientific advisory committee of the *European Forest Institute* (EFI), editorial board member of the *Journal of Forest Policy and Economics*, editor of the *Ashgate* series *Non-State Actors in International Law, Governance and Politics*, member of the Research Committee 36 on power of the *International Political Science Association*, board member of *Mansholt Graduate School* of Wageningen University, and member of the *Global Forest Expert Panel on the International Forest Regime*, that will advice the United Nations on global forest policies in 2011.

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