Course Descriptions None 2022-2023

Course Title	From Climate Conflict to Climate Justice
Course Code	EBC2190
ECTS Credits	5,0
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades

Period

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	31-10-2022	16-12-2022		X		X	

Level	Intermediate/Advanced
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Language of instruction	English
Goals	Students are able to: * understand the politics of climate science and the role of science for assessing environmental, economic, and social consequences of climate change; * identify the international institutional mechanisms and regulatory approaches in the field of climate change, and explore the necessity for regional (EU) and national implementation; * explain and explore what role procedural rights and litigation, including human rights claims, play or could play to combat climate change; * critically reflect how climate conflicts could be mitigated and climate justice could be promoted, including a global North and global South perspective.
Description	PLEASE NOTE THAT THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT METHOD(S) USED IN THIS COURSE IS WITH RESERVATION. A RE-EMERGENCE OF THE CORONAVIRUS AND NEW COUNTERMEASURES BY THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT MIGHT FORCE COORDINATORS TO CHANGE THE TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT METHODS USED. THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TEACHING/ASSESSMENT METHOD(S) WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE COURSE SYLLABUS. This course aims to provide students basic insight into core policy and law issues related to the world wide problem of climate change. The course consists of three building blocks: 1) Science and Attribution of Conflict First, the scene will be set by studying the politics of climate science and the role of science for assessing environmental, economic, and social consequences of climate change. In light of this, we will also study the potential conflict inducing nature of climate change. 2) Regulation to Reduce Greenhouse Gases Second, we will delve into the international institutional and regulatory frameworks to reduce world-wide greenhouse gas emissions, we will scrutinize their ambition, and evaluate what national action is needed. In light of this, we will explore Global North-South perspectives, including discussing the greater responsibility that developed countries should take. The Paris Agreement and the European effort to become climate neutral by 2050 will be the focal points of attention. 3) Climate Justice and the Role of the Courts Third, we will discuss climate justice through the lens of human rights. In this context, we will explore how litigation can be used by civil society in order to hold governments and companies to account for implementing effective climate policies. Some ground-breaking climate court cases will be scrutinized and critically discussed.
Literature	Reference list will be provided
Prerequisites	None
Keywords	
Teaching methods	Presentation / Lecture / Assignment
Assessment methods	Written Exam
Evaluation in previous academic year	For the complete evaluation of this course please click http://iwio-sbe.maastrichtuniversity.nl/rapporten.asp?referrer=codeUM

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SBE Non Degree Courses	Minor Sustainability