

Course Descriptions NonDegree 2023-2024

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	30-10-2023	15-12-2023		X		X	
Level	Advanced							
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Language of instruction	English							
Goals	<p>Students are able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 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	<p>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) 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.</p>							
Literature	E-reader							
Prerequisites	None							
Keywords								
Teaching methods	PBL / Presentation / Lecture / Assignment / Papers							
Assessment methods	Written Exam / Presentation							
Evaluation in previous academic year	For the complete evaluation of this course please click http://iwio-sbe.maastrichtuniversity.nl/rapporten.asp?referrer=codeUM							
This course belongs to the following programme / specialisation	UM-wide minors				Minor Sustainability			
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