

SDGs and Environment Governance

Course Overview

Sustainable development is often viewed a western preoccupation but many developing countries suffer from severe problems of environmental degradation. This course will examine policy responses to environmental problems caused by economic development with special attention to innovation. The course will have a strong methodological focus. Students will learn about the role of theory, the difference between positivistic and interpretative research traditions and ways to combine different methods and theories. At the end of the course they must write a paper in which they scrutinize a scientific article (or book chapter) of their own choice on the topic of eco-innovation or green development, analysing how the findings depend on the research methods and analytical framework. The paper should be in a journal article format.