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**Environmental politics of major powers: EU, U.S. and China**

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Lectures and discussions

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(1)Attendance and participation 20%  
(2) assignment and group report 80%

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This course takes a look at the environmental politics of EU, China and the US at the start of the third millennium, against the background of globalizing environmental politics. The US is the current hegemonic power and arguably China will become so in a few decades. Both play a crucial role in current and future global environmental politics, not only with respect to global environmental change (such as contributing to and coping with the greenhouse effect, and dealing with international trade in waste), but also with respect to many domestic environmental agendas in other countries via, among others, the trade and environment agenda, the harmonization of standards, and foreign investments of US and Chinese multinationals. In order to understand how the EU, US and China affect, influence and co-construct global environmental politics, it is necessary to have a better understanding of both countries' domestic environmental politics and governance, which will be a core part of this course. While both aspire to (continued) global prominence, their domestic processes and dynamics of environmental politics are very different due to the nature of their political systems, their overall levels of economic development, demographic and natural conditions, and historical-cultural roots.   
  
OBJECTIVES. By the end of course lectures (Part A), students will (i) gain an understanding of key features of domestic environmental politics in the EU, US and in China, including the role of state actors, the private sector, and civil society in constituting and challenging these politics; (ii) acquire insights on the ways in which these two mega-states are involved in and ‘dominate’ global environmental and related politics; and (iii) obtain a beginning appreciation of three leading theoretical approaches to the study of global environmental governance: World-Systems Theory, Global Environmental Politics/ International Relations, and the Sociology of Networks and Flows. Students who take the optional, extended course (Part B), also will (iv) become familiar with EU, US and Chinese involvements in one particular topic of the global environmental agenda; and (v) develop analytical skills through the application of one or more theoretical approaches to case study material on a specific topic.

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  Theory: comparative and global environmental politics  
\*istorical perspectives on US environmental policy and politics  
\*U environmental politics and the political system  
\*lobal Environmental Politics/ International Relations Theory  
\*nvironmental Sociology of Networks and Flows  
\*orld-Systems Theory/Climate Change Politics  
\*ase study: Toxic trade linkages between US、EU and China  
\*ase study: China’s natural resource consumption   
\*onclusions: Future Prospects for Chinese、EU and US Environmental Politics

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2.Andrews, R.N.L. (2006), "[U.S.] Environmental Policy in a Global Economy", ch. 15 in Managing the Environment, Managing Ourselves, 2nd ed. (New Haven and London: Yale Univ. Press).   
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 1.Jordan, A.J., Wurzel, R., Zito, A. and L. Bruckner(1998), “European governance and the transfer of ‘new’ environmental policy instruments (NEPIs) in the European Union”  
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1.Paterson, M. (2005), "Theoretical perspectives on international environmental politics". Ch. 3 In Palgrave Advances in International Environmental Politics, eds. M.M. Betsill, et al. (Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave).  
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第七讲   
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2.Lieberthal, K., and M. Herberg (2006). "China’s Search for Energy Security: Implications for U.S. Policy", NBR Analysis, v17, n1 (April), National Bureau of Asian Research, Seattle, USA.   
第九讲  
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2.Friedman, T.L. (2007), "The Power of Green," New York Times Magazine, April 15. [cover article]

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2.Chasek, P.S., et al. (2006), Global Environmental Politics, 4th ed. (Boulder, CO: Westview), ch's 1 and 2.   
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