**(Draft) Course Plan & Reader**

**Global Discourses and Practices of Sustainable Development**

Globale Diskurse und Praktiken nachhaltiger Entwicklung

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**Course Outline**

This course will analyse some of the leading discourses in academia and international cooperation that are closely related to the promotion of sustainable development. Special emphasis will be paid to the concepts of green development and green growth, the sustainable development goals of the United Nations, climate justice, low-carbon lifestyles, blue economy, de-growth, eco-marxism and eco-civilization.   
The second part of the course will focus on policy making practices, collaborative governance arrangements and international cooperation projects for the promotion of sustainable development.   
The weekend sessions will provide an opportunity for the instructor to invite international and development cooperation experts with different disciplinary background to talk about their professional experience and potential internship as well as job opportunities for students.  
The course will be taught in English.

**Location:**

**Fr        21.10.2016        14:00        18:00        Ihnestr.22/UG 4 Seminarraum (Einführung)**

Fr        28.10.2016        14:00        18:00         Ihnestr.21/F Seminarraum  
Fr        04.11.2016        14:00        18:00         Garystr.55/301 Seminarraum  
Fr        11.11.2016        14:00        18:00         Garystr.55/301 Seminarraum  
Fr        18.11.2016        14:00        18:00         Garystr.55/301 Seminarraum  
Fr        25.11.2016        14:00        18:00         Garystr.55/301 Seminarraum  
                                  
Sa        22.10.2016        12:00        14:00         JK 27/103  
Sa        29.10.2016        12:00        14:00         JK 27/103  
Sa        05.11.2016        12:00        14:00         JK 27/103  
Sa        12.11.2016        12:00        14:00         JK 27/103  
Sa        19.11.2016        12:00        14:00         JK 27/103  
Sa        26.11.2016        12:00        14:00         JK 27/103  
  
**Sa        18.02.2017        12:00        14:00         JK 27/103 (Abschluss Veranstaltung)**

**Course Requirements**

The course will be taught in English and you will be asked to submit your work in English. However, let us use the German standard terms for the formal requirements.

**Leistungsschein:** Referat mit erkennbarer Einzelleistung oder Ersatzleistung (z.B. Essay, Literaturanalyse) und eine Hausarbeit zum gleichen Thema (mindestens 3000 Wörter), also nicht alternativ (!), um eine Diskussion im Kurs zu Ihrer Leistung zu ermöglichen (faciliate feedback and discussion on your input to the course).

und aktive Teilnahmne mit persönlicher Anwesenheit

**Teilnahmeschein:**

Aktive Teilnahme mit persönlicher Anwesenheit, gerne Referat

Abgabe: Referat (presentation), to be submitted 48 hours before presentation, Hausarbeit (paper), 31 March 2017

**Group Work on Friday, 21 October**

1. What is your take on the **Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations?** (are the Goals relevant, well chosen, too broad or to narrow, what would be an alternative strategy? chances of successful implementation of SDGs, what would be your advice to the UN?)
2. Who are the **driving agents of change** towards sustainable development? Discuss the role of different actors/stakeholders, including international organisations, states, private sector, Universities, NGOs?
3. How will sustainable development policies **impact on life styles**? What kind of changes would you desire, what changes are realistic? What are the main assumptions and risks? Discuss different scenarios for the situations of students in the years 2030?

**20 minutes group work, 5 minutes presentation, 10 minutes discussion**

**Presentations**

13 presentations by individual students or group of two students

20 to 30 minutes presentation, 30 minutes discussion

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| Date | Topic | Students | Contact | Comments |
| Fr 21 October 2016 | Introduction  Course Outline & requirements for credits  Group Work & discussion, focused on topics |  |  |  |
| Sa 22 October | Group work, focused on Journals and Books |  |  |  |
| Fr 28 October | Planetary Boundaries  Green Growth/De Growth  Kennedy from Kenya? |  |  |  |
| Sa 29 October | Climate Justice |  |  |  |
| Fr 4 November | Tragedy of the Commons  Green Global Governance & Game Theory |  |  |  |
| Sa 5 November | Rio Conferences |  |  |  |
| Fr 11 November | United Nations COP  Development Project, e.g. REDD+ |  |  |  |
| Sa 12 November | Germany or EU country |  |  |  |
| Fr 25 November | China: Discourses, Policies, Practices  Sustain It-Input  J.P. Laurinat |  |  |  |
| Sa 26 November | Brazil: Discourses, Policies, Practices |  |  |  |
| Fr 02 December | India: Discourses, Policies, Practices  GIZ Expert |  |  |  |
| Sa 03 December | Green Climate Fund |  |  |  |
| Sa 18 February 2017 | Advice for paper  Final Discussion and Evaluation |  |  |  |

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Global Environmental Politics

International Journalof Environment and Sustainable Development

International Journal of Sustainable Development and Planning

International Journal of Sustainable Development & World Ecology

Journal of Environment and Development

Journal of Sustainable Development

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