



Course title:

The Greening of the European Economy

Lecturer:

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Type of course:

Optional (part of the specialisation option "European Economic Governance")

Course content:

The course deals with the key aspects of EU environmental policy, environmental law and environmental economics as they relate to the European economy at macro and micro-levels. Against this backdrop, the students acquire a thorough knowledge of the most important features of EU environmental policy (objectives, principles, institutional and legal frameworks), its instruments and the main theories that underlie it. This cross-cutting, theory-based exposé of European environmental policy is framed against the EU's objectives to promote a resource efficient, low- carbon or decarbonised economy at micro- and macro-level. In the course, we explore the core substantive areas of this vast field, focusing on the most topical and societally fundamental sectors such as the circular economy, trade-and-environment, the Bioeconomy, industrial policy, innovation policy and finance. The course makes extensive use of practical case studies, where the theoretical and sectoral perspectives are given a real-life contextualisation by invited experts from industry, policy fields and civil society.

Learning outcome:

The course equips students with *knowledge, skills* and an *enquiring attitude* to understand and address matters of European internal market and competition policy, law and economics during their subsequent professional careers.

The obtained *knowledge* allows the students to independently and critically address issues of internal market and competition policy for both academic and practical purposes.

- All in all, the knowledge, skills and critically enquiring attitudes develop the students as interlocutors in a sustainable European economy.
- The students acquire a good interdisciplinary knowledge of the main theories, concepts and debates of the areas.
- The course enables students to better understand and address during their subsequent professional careers matters of European environmental policy, law and economics, as they are intertwined with the (European) economy.
- The students will be able to independently and critically address issues of environmental policy for both academic and practical purposes.
- They will be able to understand and analyze the larger econo-political context of European environmental protection in terms of its historical background, current situation and future perspectives. The students will also understand the complicated, interlinked multi-level frameworks of the environmental and economic actors,

institutions, instruments and decision-making processes within the European integration process.

- The learning outcomes also cover basic and in-depth knowledge required to make a company's (or other stakeholder's) micro-level activities greener.

The course also provides the students with the basic *skills* to deal with concrete questions relating on the interrelationship between the economy and the environment in real life policy-making and private sector contexts. Finally, students will be able to better engage in the English language in basic tasks relating to EU environmental policy, such as drafting memoranda, policy analyses and position papers, and advising non-environmental decision makers. The students will also learn to better engage in the English language in basic tasks relating to EU environmental policy, such as drafting and communicating memoranda, policy analyses and position papers, and advising non-economic decision makers.

The students obtain an *appreciation* of the functioning of a sustainable environmental policy as an indispensable complement to the economic core of the entire integration project.

