

Module TD S 6	Sustainability and Political Ecology in Europe				
	<i>Nachhaltigkeit und Politische Ökologie in Europa</i>				
	Module type		Elective		
	Module ID number		-		
	Credit points (LP)		5 LP		
	Semester hours per week (SWS)		2 SWS		
	Semester	3rd or 5th semester	Workload (total)		150 h
	Term	Every fall semester	of which	Classroom hours	30 h
	Duration	One semester		Self-study	120 h
Qualification objective	The Module provides a basic understanding of complex interactions between politics, economics, technology and the natural environment, so that students will be able to evaluate current environmental issues as well as policies and strategies to respond to them.				
Expertise	Students will be familiar with societal causes of today's most pressing ecological crises (such as global warming or biodiversity loss) and will know and be able to distinguish various theories of sustainable development as well as environmental policies. Additionally, specific economic, cultural and societal contexts of diverse approaches are taken into account.				
Methodological competence	Students will obtain and practise various essential academic skills in social sciences, such as reading and presenting academic literature, academic reasoning, argumentation, writing, and citation styles.				
Social and personal skills	Students will be able to work in teams and to communicate complex socio-ecological problems and environmental policies verbally and in written form. Additionally, they have the capacity of putting themselves in differing positions. Furthermore, students will be able to autonomously follow and critically reflect on on-going debates in the field of sustainability.				
Course and study formats	Seminar discussions, group work, simulation games				
Module coordinator	Matthias Schmelzer				
Prerequisites	-				
Applicable degree program	B.A. European Cultures and Society (Main focus: European Society)				
Comments / Other	-				

M TD S 6: Sub-module 1	Sustainability and Political Ecology			
	Sub-module ID number	-	Course type	Seminar
	SWS	2 SWS	Workload (sub-module)	60 h
	Type of sub-module	Required	of which	Classroom hours
	Planned group size	40		Self-study
M TD S 6: Module-examination	Module Exam			
	<i>Modulprüfung</i>			
	Examination number	-	Scope of the exam	See comments
	Examination format	Essay	Exam preparation and examination time	90 h
	Graded exam?	Yes		
	Comments on the Module examination	Essay (5000-6500 words)		
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