Science and Politics in Global and Environmental Governance

The course provides for in-depth insight into the workings of science, politics and governance of environmental and sustainability issues and will allow the doctoral students and early post-doctoral researchers to explore how recent scholarship in environmental governance is investigating the discourses, agents and institutions of environmental politics and policy in a multi-level context. The course focuses on non-state actors, public-private cooperation, and policy making at the local, transnational, intergovernmental and global levels, from various theoretical and methodological perspectives ranging from agent-based modelling in governance research to political ecology and critical theory. The politics of scientific expertise and knowledge production is investigated and the science/policy interface explained. This course invites the doctoral students and early post-doctoral researchers to critically examine conceptual, theoretical, empirical and methodological innovations in this field and to reflect upon its relevance for environmental politics and natural resource management in general, and their thesis projects in particular. The course is an interdisciplinary initiative open to students in social science, law, humanities and natural science.

Stockholm University Research School on Environment, Climate and Sustainability is a cross-faculty collaboration between the Department of Political Science, the Bolin Centre for Climate Research and Stockholm Resilience Centre. Teachers from the three institutions have been invited to offer seminars on topics within their area of expertise.

Research School Coordinators

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Practical details

Some of the themes that will be addressed during the course: Non-state actors in climate governance; environmental activism in the global North and South; public-private partnerships; and legitimacy and effectiveness in environmental governance.

Course dates: 15 March to 30 April, 2019

Deadline for applications: 1 February, 2019

Participating in the course entitles the students to 7,5 ECTS. The course will be taught in English.

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