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**Syllabus offered to School of Diplomacy and International Relations,
Seton Hall University, Summer Semester 2004**

Title of course/seminar: Sustaining Global Ecology

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Title of seminar: **Sustaining Global Ecology, DIPL 2105-AA, AB**

Instructor: Dr. Michaela C. Hertkorn

Class meetings: May 11 – May 27, 11.30 – 2.30 pm

Location:

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Methodology and objectives

The course will analyze and discuss the policy, polity and politics involved to balance economic growth and development with environmental protection. We will do so in the overall context of an international system that is characterized by globalization. Emphasis will be on the conceptual links between sustainable development and access to free trade by developing countries on the one hand and environmental and social standards on the other hand. Students will engage in considerable case study research. We will, for instance, explore how transnational politics (of actors such as the European Union or NAFTA, but also so-called INGOs, international nongovernmental organizations) have shaped environmental policy. The course, in general, will focus on both, actors and theory in *global sustainable ecology*.

Basis for grade:

All students: Your learning will be measured by

- Written case study paper on a case study of your choice (final term, 10 pages, 50 %);
- Completion of two presentations (one group presentation, one individual presentation, in class, 25 %);
- Knowledgeable participation in class/intensive group work/group studies (in class, 25 %).

Texts and readings:

We will base our reading on the required books below. Additional texts may be provided by Dr. Hertkorn in class. Texts can also be put on e-reserve at the Walsh Library (go to web-pages of Walsh Library, click on services, then on e-reserve, type in the name of your instructor).

I. Required reading (available at SHU book store):

1. *Liliana B. Andonova (2003), Transnational Politics of the Environment;*
2. *Uday Desai (2002), Environmental Politics and Policy in Industrialized Countries;*
3. *Arthur P. J. Mol (2001), Globalization and Environmental Reform.*

II. Recommended reading (available at SHU book store):

4. Paul Collier and David Dollar, *Globalization, Growth and Poverty* (World Bank);
5. Andres Liebenthal, *Promoting Environmental Sustainability* (World Bank).

Assignments by class and week:

Date of sessions	Topic	Readings
05/11 (Tuesday)	General introduction into course and topic. Providing the context.	No specific reading due. We will begin to read certain texts/introductory chapters in class and discuss them.
05/12	Environmental Policy in Developing Countries	Uday Desai, page 1 – 28/ <i>group discussions</i>
05/13	Environmental Policy and Politics in the US	Michael Kraft, page 29 – 70/ <i>group discussions</i>
05/14 (Friday)	Environmental Policy and Politics in different countries: a comparative perspective I. (Canada, Britain, Germany)	Please choose one of the following texts: Glen Toner; John McCormick or Helmut Weidner/ <i>group discussions/possibly: follow-up research in Walsh Library</i>
05/17 (Monday)	Environmental Policy and Politics in different countries: a comparative perspective II. (Italy, Australia, Japan)	Please choose one of the following texts: Rudolf Lewanski & Angela Liberatore; K. J. Walker: Jeffrey Broadbent/ <i>group presentations (of case studies reading due for 05/14)</i>
05/18	Institutional Environmentalism & Globalization and environmental reform	Uday Desai, page 357 – 383; Arthur P. J. Mol, chapter 1.: <i>Beyond Seattle/group presentations (of case studies reading due for 05/14)</i>

05/19	Globalization and the Transformation of Modernity	Arthur P. J. Mol, chapter 2., page 17 – 46/ <i>group presentations (of case studies reading due for 05/14)</i>
05/20	Ecological Modernization: From National Emergence to Global Maturation	Arthur P. J. Mol, chapter 3., page 47 – 70
05/21 (Friday)	Globalization' s Side Effects	Arthur P. J. Mol, chapter 4, page 71 – 94/group discussions/possibly: <i>research groups in Walsh Library</i>
05/24 (Monday)	Globalization and Environmental Reform: the role of EU, NAFTA, and Japan	Arthur P. J. Mol, chapter 5 and 6, pages 95 – 114 & 115 – 140: <i>individual presentations</i>
05/25	Industrializing Economies in a Global Environment & Global Environmental Reform	Arthur P. J. Mol, chapter 8 and 9, pages 167 – 198 & 199 – 226/ <i>individual presentations</i>
05/26	Global Environmental Reform by Different Actors (e. g. the EU): Transnational Politics of the Environment	Liliana B. Andonova, chapter I. and II., pages 35 – 38 and 85 – 94/ <i>individual presentations</i>
05/27 (Thursday)	Final session	Liliana B. Andonova, please choose on the of the following case studies: chapter 2, page 65 – 84 (Bulgaria); chapter 3, page 95 – 122 (the Czech Republic); chapter 4, page 123 – 152 (Poland); chapter 5, page 153 – 182 (Bulgaria)