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30.0 h

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Teacher(s)	Legrand Vincent ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	<p>This part of the course aims to examine the role that social, economic, political and cultural factors play in the geopolitics of natural resources and development and is organized in two sections. Drawing on concepts from Political Ecology, Ecological Economics and Development Studies, the first section provides the foundations to understand the main topics that explain the geopolitics of natural resources and its implications for sustainable development. The interplay of these topics is illustrated by a review of socio-environmental conflicts observed in and development strategies pursued by low and medium-income countries. The second section analyses the developmental possibilities, risks and threats arising out of the current distribution and management of natural resources, notably land and water, in relation to food security and sustainable agriculture. This section discusses the policy and institutional options that countries from the Global South can pursue in order to influence the global governance of natural resources.</p>
Learning outcomes	<p>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</p> <p>After completing this part of the course students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be knowledgeable of the main concepts of Political Ecology, Ecological Economics and Development Studies that underpin the geopolitics of natural resources. • Be able to critically discuss the relationship between the access, distribution and control of natural resources and development outcomes from an inter-disciplinary perspective. • Be able to analyse natural resources policy with focus on land and water. <p>¹</p> <p>In addition to developing analytical skills, students are expected to strengthen their capacity for team work, essay-writing and oral presentation by integrating knowledge from multiple disciplines and approaches to development.</p>
Bibliography	<p>Lectures et matériel audiovisuel obligatoires (partie de cours LEONITH HINOJOSA) :</p> <p>* Badeeb R.A., Lean H., Clark J. (2017). The evolution of the natural resource curse thesis: A critical literature survey. <i>Resources Policy</i> 51 (2017) 123–134. http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.resourpol.2016.10.015</p> <p>* Douai A., Plumecocq G. (2017). <i>L'économie écologique</i>. Paris : La Découverte (sélection de pages).</p> <p>* EJOLT ' Environmental Justice Organisations, Liabilities and Trade. Atlas of Environmental Justice. http://www.ejolt.org/maps/</p> <p>* Figuière C., Metereau R. (2021). Écodéveloppement et socio-économie écologique : congruences et complémentarités. <i>Cahiers d'économie politique</i>, 2021/1 n° 79. pp. 153-190. https://doi.org/10.3917/cep1.079.0153</p> <p>* Hinojosa L., Martí i Puig, Tricot V. (2025) Social movements and <i>extractivist</i> mining in Latin America and the Caribbean: reshaping pathways of development? <i>The Elgar Companion to the Economies of Latin America and the Caribbean</i>. Edited by Francisco R. Rodríguez, pp. 220-237, Edward Elgar. Cheltenham, UK · Northampton, MA, USA.</p> <p>* Larrère C., Larrère R., Avec la collaboration de & Bouleau, N. (2016). Les transitions écologiques à Cerisy. <i>Natures Sciences Sociétés</i>, 2016/3 Vol. 24. pp. 242-250. https://doi.org/10.1051/nss/2016030</p> <p>* Lasserre et al. Chap 2 Concepts fondamentaux de l'analyse géopolitique, pp. 23-42 et 60-63. In Lasserre, F., Gonon E. & Mottet É. (2016). <i>Manuel de géopolitique : Enjeux de pouvoir sur des territoires</i> . Paris: Armand Colin. https://doi.org/10.3917/arco.motte.2016.01.0023</p> <p>* Pahl-Wostl C. (2017). Governance of the water-energy-food security nexus: A multi-level coordination challenge. <i>Environmental Science & Policy</i> 92 : 356-367. http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.envsci.2017.07.017</p>
Faculty or entity in charge	PSAD

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Master [120] in Anthropology	ANTR2M	5		
Master [120] in Political Sciences: International Relations	SPRI2M	5		
Minor in Development and Environment	MINDENV	5		
Master [120] in Sociology	SOC2M	5		
Master [120] in Population and Development Studies	SPED2M	5		
Master [120] in Public Administration	ADPU2M	5		
Master [120] in Geography : General	GEOG2M	5		
Master [120] of Education, Section 4 : Geography	GEOG2M4	5		