

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW - TA

Course Syllabus – 2024-2025

Erasmus Classes

Topic	Legal texts	Class activities
Introduction		
1. Environmental Law: origins and object	→Stockholm Declaration →Rio Declaration →TEU, TFEU, ECFR	Group and class discussion based on a list of questions on the object and nature of environmental law
2. Environmental Legal Principles	→Rio Declaration →TEU, TFEU, ECFR → Aarhus Convention	Group discussion and oral presentations based on legal texts and selected case-law (ICJ; ECtHR; CJEU)
3. International Environmental Law: sources and subjects	→ UN Convention on Biological Diversity → UN Framework Convention on Climate Changes → United National Convention on the Law of the Sea & BBNJ → Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context	Oral presentations on selected treaties. Group discussion and oral presentations based on a list of questions concerning the role of NGOs, international corporation, epistemic communities, technical norms, and private standards in international environmental law and governance.

	→ Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal	
4. Human rights and Environmental Protection: a right to a healthy environment; environmental dimensions of human rights	→International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights →International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights →European Convention on Human Rights →American Convention on Human Rights →African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights →National constitutions	Group discussion and oral presentations based on selected case-law (ECtHR; IACHR; ACHR) Comparative constitutional law: problem-based learning group activity with a hypothesis (<i>Neubauer</i> case)
5. Regulatory approaches to environmental protection	→Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on substantiation and communication of explicit environmental claims	Discussion on different regulatory approaches for environmental protection: command-and-control and incentive instruments; consumer-based and market-based instruments; information mechanisms. Case study: greenwashing
6. Environmental Assessment	→Directive 2011/92 [EIA] →Directive 92/43 [<i>Habitats</i>] (article 6) →Directive 2001/42 [SEA]	Problem-solving
7. Green public procurement	→COM(2001) 274 final) →COM (2008) 400 final →Directive 2014/24 (selected provisions) →Regulation 2024/1781 (article 65)	Case-law analysis (CJEU)

8. International and European climate change law	→Paris Agreement →Regulation 2021/1119 [EU Climate Law] →Directive 2003/87 [EU ETS] →National Climate Laws	Case-law analysis (CJEU, ITLOS, UN HR Committees, national courts) Research on national climate laws
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