

| Course Code | Course Name | Semester | Theory | Practice | Lab | Credit | ECTS |
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| SP493 | Political ecology | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Prerequisites | | | | | | | |
| Admission Requirements | | | | | | | |
| Language of Instruction | | | | | | | |
| Course Type | | | | | | | |
| Course Level | | | | | | | |
| Objective | | | | | | | |
| Content | | | | | | | |

This course examines the relationship between society and the environment from critical and Marxist perspectives. It explores how power, politics, and ideology shape the ways in which people interact with nature and how these interactions affect both social and ecological systems. The course also focuses on the unequal distribution of environmental risks and benefits, the role of the state, and social movements in environmental governance.

This year's focus will be on food systems as a lens through which global capitalism, inequality, and environmental change can be studied.

Overall, the course aims to provide students with a critical understanding of the relationship between society and the environment, and to equip them with the knowledge and skills to engage in environmental politics and advocacy from a critical and Marxist perspective. While each year the course may emphasize particular themes (such as food, waste, or urban ecologies), the central objective remains to critically analyse how power and inequality shape ecological relations under capitalism.

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