Geopolitics of natural resources and the environment

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Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

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Type: Electives ECTS Credits : 3.0

Year : 2 Semester : 1

## DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

-Analysis of geopolitics of natural resources through the lenses of classical geopolitics, critical geopolitics, and environmental geopolitics.

-Discussions about scarcity versus surplus, population growth and resources concentrated in different geographies and locations; conservation vs. production and its implications for geopolitics.

-The geoeconomics of 'resource wars': rare earth materials and their essential use in technology, conflicts generated by the extraction and international trade of these materials supervised in international organizations.

-Governance of natural resources in the context of SDGs; coinciding and contradictory positions of international, regional, supranational and national actors.

-Understanding of the negotiation processes between governments, international, regional and supranational organizations on the issues of SD, climate change and their governance. Ongoing global power rivalry and its implications for geopolitics of natural resources and ecological consequences.

## ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Participation in class Presentations (individual and/ or in teams) Debates Papers/ write-ups (individual and/or in teams) Final exam or final paper/ write-up

% end-of-term-examination:	40
% of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals…):	60