

**Department of International Environment & Development Studies, Noragric,
UMB**

**PhD course: EDS410 Environment & Development
(15 ECTS. Compulsory for all PhD students at Noragric)
Autumn 2009**

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Objective of the course

The chief objective of the PhD course is to provide the students with a sound interdisciplinary understanding of environment-development relations and a critical knowledge of development theories, policies and practices with due regard to the diversity and complexity of the real world. Given its multi- and inter- disciplinary nature, the course draws on knowledge from social and natural sciences and presents approaches that seek to integrate the political economic, cultural and ecological dimensions of change at macro, meso and micro levels.

Course contents

The course has two main components:

1. Environment-Development Relations (5ECTS – One module)
2. Development Theory and Policy (10 ECTS – Three parts)
 - a. Development theories in historical perspective
 - b. Globalisation, Development and democracy: Current debates and the Global-Local Nexus
 - c. Development policies and practices: Critical review and Case studies

The module on Environment-Development relations introduces the student to political ecological analyses and interpretations of society-nature interaction, resource appropriation and degradation, marginalisation and institutional dimensions of the environment. Module 2.a. traces the origins of the more influential ideas of development and presents the main theories inspired by them from a critical and historical perspective. Module 2.b. deals with the current debates on globalisation with reference to development, democracy and global power relations. It focuses on a wide range of issues such as: the nature and role of multilateral organisations; globalisation-poverty relations; state building, liberalisation and democracy; the environment and resource conflicts; and the global-local nexus. Module 2.c. critically addresses the question of development policies and what happens in practice with the aid of real world examples. Development performance, resource rights and distributional issues, resource conflicts and poverty are among the key issues covered.

Examination: Term paper (deadline 1 March 2010) and Oral examination (March 2010)

EDS410 Environment & Development Studies, Parts I & II

I Environment-Development Relations Module (5 ECTS)

Week 38-41

Date Time Venue: Ø226	Topic Key readings	Lecturer/ Student seminar
15. 09. 09 0915-1200	Introduction to the course An overview of Environment-Development relations	N. Shanmugaratnam
17. 09. 09 0915-1200	Unpacking the Water Crisis and water Scarcity	Lyla Mehta
22. 09. 09 0915-1200	"Resilience and Vulnerability as Linked Ecological-Social Analytical Approaches".	Ian Bryceson
24. 09.09 0915-1200	Participatory paradigms of environmental management – A critical perspective	Paul Vedeld
29. 09. 08 0915-1200	What is Political Ecology	Tor Arve
01. 10. 09 0915-1200	Degradation and Marginalisation	N. Shanmugaratnam
06. 10. 09 0915-1200	Institutions and the Environment	Arild Vatn
08. 10. 09 0915-1200	Environmental identity and social movements Robbins Ch.7	Students

II Development Theory & Policy (10ECTS)
Week 41-47

Venue Ø226	Development theory in historical perspective	
13. 10. 09 0915-1200	Development theory in historical perspective 1	N. Shanmugaratnam
15. 10. 09 0915-1200	Development theory in historical perspective 2 Open Discussion: Meaning/s of development & the role of development studies	N. Shanmugaratnam
	Globalisation, development & democracy	
20. 10. 09 0915-1200	Introduction to globalisation theory	Kristen Nordhaug
22. 10. 09 0915-1200	International trade and agriculture in a global context	Simon Pahle
27. 10. 09 0915-1200	Globalisation and the environment	Sjur Kasa
29. 10. 09 0915-1200	Democratic transitions and the politics of substantive democratisation	Kristian Stokke
03. 11. 09 10.15-1300+	Globalisation and the 'New wars'	Stig J Hansen
	Policy & Practice	
05. 11. 09 0915-1200	Environmental policy – A Global perspective	Arild Vatn
10. 11. 09 0915-1200	Food Policy and Development	Ruth Haug
12. 11. 09 0915-1200	The state, policy, and economic transformation in East and South-east Asia	Kristen Nordhaug
17. 11. 09 0915-1200 Ø226	Adapting to change – An agro-ecological perspective	Trygve Berg
19. 11. 09 0915-1200	The state and development policy in Africa – the case of South Africa	Knut Nustad
24. 11. 09 0915-1200	Review of the course	Students + N. Shanmugaratnam