

Course Name – Global Environmental Governance

Course Code – LH-E-651-E

Credits- 4

Faculty Name – Abhijit Banerjee

Faculty Biography –

Dr. Abhijit Banerjee has Master's and PhD in Environmental Policy from the US, where he also taught at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. He has been teaching a variety of environmental studies courses at JSLH since 2019. Between 2014 and 2019, he has worked with several international organizations such as the German Agency for International Development Cooperation (GIZ) and the United Nations (New Delhi).

Course Description-

In an increasingly inter-connected world, environmental problems do not respect national borders, and cannot be effectively addressed without international cooperation. Gradually evolving over at least the past half century, global environmental governance is now an important part of international diplomacy. This course covers global environmental governance across a range of key issues including climate change, air pollution, biodiversity protection, ozone depletion, ocean conservation, chemical safety, etc. The central focus will be on international regimes – key global governance institutions such as the UN, and the various treaties and instruments developed for these issues. Important themes such as the politics underpinning global environmental governance (including the “North-South divide”), role of significant enabling and inhibiting nations, role of non-state actors, difficulties in compliance, globalisation of trade, and emerging challenges will be critically analysed.

The course is suitable for upper-level undergraduate students from different backgrounds and interests including environmental studies, political science/international relations, law/public policy, international business, etc.

Prerequisites- none

Scheme of Evaluation and Grading –

Mid Term Exam: 25%

Thematic Discussion Lead: 10%

Class Participation: 10%

Research Brief and Presentation: 20+5=25%

Final Exam: 30%