

## Descriptif d'enseignement / *Course descriptions*

3<sup>ème</sup> année internationale / International undergraduate program  
*Semestre1*

### Titre du cours - *Course title*

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#### Contemporary Environmental Challenges

**Type de cours :** Cours magistral

**Langue du cours/Language of instruction :** English

### Enseignant(s) – *Professor(s)*

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### Résumé du cours – Objectifs - *Course description – Targets*

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This course aims at giving an introduction to the main environmental challenges that human societies are facing today. Drawing from research in environmental and political sociology, the course will give an analysis of a range of environmental issues and the responses they have drawn so far in the field of environmental/sustainability politics and society. Students will be invited to compare and contrast social and political responses from different countries and regions. The course will be based on a series of milestones articles from the environmental humanities and Earth sciences that students will be invited to read and discuss.

### Evaluation - *Assessment*

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Evaluation will be based on:

- an oral presentation given in class (group of 3 students)
- after the end of the course, each student will have 10 days to give a written comment of a scientific article

### Plan – Séances - *Course outline*

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- 1- Introduction to contemporary environmental challenges
- 2- The politicisation of climate, from climate change to global change
- 3- Climate change scepticism
- 4- Biodiversity, from wilderness to rewilding
- 5- The Anthropocene. Rethinking the human-nature relationship
- 6- Energy issues and its social dimensions: fossil fuels, nuclear industry and energy transition
- 7- Decoupling growth from resource consumption
- 8- Sustainable consumption: theories, practices and social movements. Toward new ways of living?
- 9- Environment as a social concern: green parties, greenwashing, socio-ecological conflicts and pro-environmental movements

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