

Helsinki Summer School 2001

Title: Environment, Economies and Globalization: Challenges of Governance

Time: 13-28 August 2001

Description: The aim of this course is to offer a general overview of the administrative challenges in the globalizing world particularly in environmental, economic and development issues. The themes will be approached from a wide perspective drawing on the expertise of the course teachers in, e.g., international, European Community and information regulation, environmental law and economics, social philosophy and development research.

Detailed Description: The course looks at the interlinked problems of environment, national and transnational economies and globalization from an interdisciplinary and often critical perspective. It offers a general conception of important administrative and governance problems and challenges in the rapidly globalizing world: What does it mean to be global; should one "just say no" to globalization; what are the pros and cons; how do the international community and the emerging civil societies manage in the midst of the information and economic flows; what can we do for the environment and the developmental equity; what kind of practical administrative solutions do we have; how could they be improved? The expertise of the teachers in the fields of international law and European Union, environmental and general economics, information law, social philosophy, environmental and development policies will be brought to bear on a variety of general questions concerning the global market, equitable distribution, the access to and regulation of information and technology in the e-age, global environmental governance, and the administrative frameworks that manage them. The course work will consist of lectures, workshops and an assignment which can be completed individually or in groups. The assignment themes will be developed during the workshops and must relate to the covered subjects.

Applicants: Under- and post-graduate students of law, environmental, social and economical science and practitioners. Those who are interested in international affairs and the current global challenges in their field. Students should preferably have completed a couple of years of academic studies.

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