

RIO DE JANEIRO STATE UNIVERSITY (UERJ)

B.A. IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Course: “Environment and International Relations”

Timetable: Friday, 8h50-12h20 (M3-M6, break of 10 minutes at 10h30)

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Environmental issues (climate change, protection of forests, desertification, protection of biodiversity and the oceans, different forms of pollution, the use of pesticides and transgenics, the lack of basic sanitation and the lack of access to water suitable for human consumption, among other themes) have become an international relations issue since at least the 1960s. Since then, they have problematized and contributed to redefining the boundaries between the national and the international, the socioeconomic and the environmental, the human and the natural, the modes of regulation and conflict resolution, the role of the State, international organizations, economic operators and civil society organizations, in addition to promoting deep questioning about the linkages between different disciplines in understanding of the magnitude and the relevance of environmental issues. Understanding the meanings of the environment in society, in politics and in international relations has become fundamental for decision-makers in the contemporary world, particularly when it comes to implement sustainable development actions and policies. Aimed primarily at undergraduate students in International Relations at UERJ, but also open to students coming from other institutes, this course addresses the following topics: history of how and why environmental issues have become an international relations issue; brief mapping of studies on environment and IR in Brazil and in the world; environment and IR theories; environment and development models; environmental security and relations between environment and geopolitics; migrations and environmental refugees; non-governmental organizations and transnational networks of environmental activism; external environmental policies in a comparative perspective. The final sessions of the course will be organized around seminars on specific agendas, such as climate change, biodiversity, endangered species, sustainable development, deforestation, access to water resources and desertification, agroecology and the use of pesticides and transgenics, sustainable consumption and fair trade, among other topics. These will be defined with the students and, based on that, debate sessions will be prepared around texts, films and participation by invited researchers, policy-makers, activists, etc.

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