

WPM 6 Environmental Sociology and Environmental Policy			Credits: 6	
Objectives The students learn about <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the role of lifestyles and consumption patterns for natural resource use and concepts and approaches dealing with nature-society interactions, - the framework of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) of the European Union (EU) in the light of agri-environmental policies and services, - the historical development of the European Union (EU) and its decision-making processes - the nature of current climate change adaptation projects in Europe, India, Africa and Latin America including how climate change can be deciphered as a complex socio-natural process, - sensitizing the special responsibility of urban areas for climate policy, - the view on sustainable development as a social transformation process and current modelling approaches for sustainability impact analysis in the frame of policy advice. 				
Preconditions: none				
Teaching formats	SWS	Workload	Credits, prerequisite for exam	Contents
LE	4	135 hours	4.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basic concepts and approaches of environmental sociology - Lifestyles, consumption patterns and environmental impacts - Environmental awareness and behaviour - Climate change from a sociological point of view (climate discourse analysis) - The role of cities in climate policy (adaptation, mitigation) - Sustainable Development from a sociological point of view - Decision making processes within the European Union (EU) and the related Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) - EU Agri-environmental policy, multifunctionality in agriculture and theory on ecosystem services - World-wide examples on climate change adaptation and ecosystem service projects - Modelling approaches for sustainability impact analysis related to land-use change and land use policies
SE	1	45 hours	1.5	
Examination		180 hours	Pass	Homework: paper 15 pages (50%) and presentation (20 minutes, 50%)
Duration		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Semester <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Semester		
Start of module		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WS <input type="checkbox"/> SS		