Part I

Course Title: International Environmental Law
Course Code: LW037
Course Instructor: Dr Stellina Jolly
Course Duration: One Semester
Credit Units: 4
Medium of Instruction: English
Prerequisites: Nil
Precursors: Nil
Equivalent Courses: N/A

Part 11 Course objectives:

The overall objective of this course is to provide a basic understanding of the key features and developments of Environmental Law in an international perspective. By the end of the course, students should have knowledge of:

- International rule-making through multilateral environmental agreements, including compliance and enforcement
- The complexities surrounding environmental principles
- Core environmental issues and legal and institutional responses
• Analyze the SAARC Perspective.

**Part III - Course Evaluation Pattern**
The evaluation is based on mid-term and end-term examinations (40 marks each). The evaluation also includes a research paper writing effort examined for 20 marks.

**Part IV – Structured course programme with units:** 12 units, arranged into 12 weeks of teaching and three weeks of assessment

**Week 1 Introduction to International Environmental Law**

**Core Reading**

**Optional Reading**

**Conventions and Declarations**
(The Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, 1992,
Week 2 and 3 International Environmental Law Making and Principles

The module deals with the law making process and the role of international institutions and actors involved in the process of International Environment Law. Some basic environmental principles and concepts developed by the international legal system like Sustainable development, Polluters liability, Precautionary principles, Inter-generational equity will be discussed. (Prevention and distribution related principles) In the late part of the syllabus, an analysis will take place regarding how different treaties and documents have incorporated these principles.

Core Reading

Optional Reading

**Text Book**

**Video**
http://legal.un.org/avl/ls/Weiss_EL_video_1.html

**Week 4 Compliance and Governance Techniques and Procedures in International Environmental Law**
The module deals with techniques of implementation in environmental law. Module will focus on instruments like environmental impact assessment, regulatory measures, and public participation.

**Core Reading**

**Optional Reading**

**Video**
http://legal.un.org/avl/ls/Bekhechi_EL.html

**Week 5 State Liability in Environmental matters**
The module discuss state liability for environmental harm, and viability of a liability regime.
Core Reading

Optional Reading

Books

Conventions and Declarations
1. Draft Articles on the Prevention of Transboundary Harm from Hazardous Activities, 2001

Video

Week 6 and 7 Law of Climate Change
The module will cover an overview of Climate change science, International responses to Climate Change consisting of The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, The Kyoto Protocol, Paris Agreement, The discussion will also focus on the proceedings and decisions of various COPs including the future climate regime and different options. The role of SAARC in climate change negotiations will be undertaken.

Core Reading
3. Lavanya Rajamani , Jacob Werksman, 2018 The Legal Character and Operational Relevance of the Paris Agreement’s Temperature goal. Phil. Trans. R. Soc. A 376:

**Optional Reading**

**Conventions**
3. Paris Agreement

**Video**

**Week 8** Mid-term examination

**Week 9** Law of Hazardous Wastes

**Core Reading**

**Conventions**

**Week 10&11** Law of Biodiversity Protection
The Module will cover overview of Biological Diversity, Main provisions, and loopholes under Convention on Biological Diversity, Access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing under Nagoya Protocol, South Asian Initiative including Bio diversity Clearing Mechanism and legal initiative, Major North–South Disagreements on biodiversity protection.

Core Reading

Optional Reading

Convention

Week 12 Law of Fresh Water Resources
The module will deal with the development of International Water Courses and its key provisions. The module will also deliberate on the legal regimes of International Fresh Water resources. Particular emphasis will be given to the various water sharing arrangements in the South Asia with a focus on Kishanganga arbitration.

Core Reading

Optional Reading

Website
http://www.unwatercoursesconvention.org/the-convention/

Video
http://legal.un.org/avl/ls/McCaffrey_IW.html

Week 13 Efficiency Issues and Dispute Settlement under Environmental Law

The module consider in detail the dispute settlement and effectiveness of International Environmental Law.

Core Reading

Optional Reading

Besides this students are instructed to go through various conventions and protocols mentioned in the syllabus. This is because International Environmental Law is overwhelmingly treaty law and are readily available on the internet.