

SYLLABUS

Name of the course:	Labour and Ecology			
Teacher:	Prof. Dr. Markus Wissen			
University / organisation:	Berlin School of Economics and Law (HWR)			
Language of teaching:	English			
ECTS:	6.5			
Semester (S1, S2, S3 or S4):	<input type="checkbox"/> S1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S2	<input type="checkbox"/> S3	<input type="checkbox"/> S4
Teaching method(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Lecture courses		<input type="checkbox"/> Flipped classroom	
	Other: _____			
Type(s) of evaluation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Sitting exam		<input type="checkbox"/> Written report	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Oral defence		<input type="checkbox"/> Group project	
	Other / Term paper comments: _____			
Expected deadline(s) for the evaluation(s)	August			
Expected date of final results:	End of semester (30 September)			
Summary of the content:	<p>The course addresses the labour-nature-relationship. It starts from the assumption that the ecological crisis and the attempts to cope with it will have major implications for the way people around the globe live and work. Exploring the relationship between labour and nature is thus essential to both understand the challenges of a socio-ecological transformation and assess how the latter can be shaped in a just and democratic way. Accordingly, the course addresses 1. the theory and history of the labour-nature-relationship, 2. environmental labour conflicts over resource extraction, production, services and social reproduction in the global South and the global North, 3. concepts of a socio-ecological transformation like Just Transition and the Green New Deal.</p>			
Indicative list of lectures:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The labour-nature relationship: conceptual clarifications I (Marx, Eco-Marxism, Political Ecology) • The labour-nature relationship: conceptual clarifications II (Polanyi, Feminism) • Aspects of the history and spatiality of the labour-nature relationship • Workers, trade unions and the imperial mode of living • Conflicts over resource extraction • Conflicts over socio-ecologically useful production • Conflicts over services and social reproduction • Green New Deal and Just Transition 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feminist perspectives on socio-ecological transformation • Degrowth
<p>Short bibliography:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barca, Stefania (2020): <i>Forces of Reproduction. Notes for a Counter-Hegemonic Anthropocene</i>, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press • <i>Globalizations</i>, Vol. 15 No. 4 (2018), Special Issue: Labor in the Web of Life • Malm, Andreas (2016): <i>Fossil Capital. The Rise of Steam Power and the Roots of Global Warming</i>, London: Verso • Moore, Jason W. (2015): <i>Capitalism in the Web of Life. Ecology and the Accumulation of Capital</i>, London: Verso • Räthzel, Nora, Stevis, Dimitris, and Uzzell, David (eds., 2021): <i>Handbook of Environmental Labour Studies</i>, Houndmills: Palgrave Macmillan • Satgar, Vishwas (ed., 2018): <i>The Climate Crisis. South African and Global Democratic Eco-Socialist Alternatives</i>, Johannesburg: Wits University Press • Sweeney, Sean, and Treat, John (2018): <i>Trade Unions and Just Transition. The Search for a Transformative Politics</i>. TUED Working Paper No. 11, New York: Trade Unions for Energy