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Governance of Natural Resources

Advanced Course in Bukavu

Co-organized by CEGEMI¹ and IOB²

From 24 April – 4 May 2023

Aim

The course will give insight into the governance of natural resources, drawing on different disciplines and theoretical approaches. We will discuss the management of renewable and non-renewable resources in a globalized world, the associated governance problems (e.g. tragedy of the commons, resource curse, conflict minerals), and the different forms of solutions to these problems that are proposed at the local, national and global level. Theories and concepts will be illustrated with case study material from the DR Congo and other African countries.

Course content

The following topics will be part of the course:

1. Natural resource curses and tragedies: core economic principles (Prof. Dr. Marijke Verpoorten, IOB, Francine Iragi, UCB)
2. Governance of mineral resources: a global value chain approach (Prof. Sara Geenen)
3. Governance of mineral resources: conflict minerals and formalization (Prof. Janvier Kilosho)
4. Governance of natural resources: a political ecology approach (Prof. Dr. Papy Bambu, Dr. Anuarite Bashizi)

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² Institute of Development Policy, University of Antwerp, <https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/faculties/institute-of-development-policy/>

5. Governance of water resources: socio-environmental impact (Prof. Dr. Bossissi Nkuba, UCB).
6. Governance of natural resources : a gender perspective (Prof. Dr. Marie Rose Bashwira, UCB and ISDR).
7. Governance of land resources: power and knowledge production in the land governance and grabbing processes (Prof. Dr. Emery Mudinga, ISDR)

Learning outcomes

- Gain insight into the particular governance problems surrounding renewable and non-renewable resources as well as the different governance solutions proposed for addressing these problems.
- Gain insight into how these problems and solutions are shaped by global issues (e.g. global value chains, climate change, increasing regulation), how they are implemented at the national and local level (specifically in the DRC), and what their effects are.
- Apply the theories and concepts acquired in a research paper on a topic of choice in the domain of natural resources governance.

Exam

The last day, an open book exam will be organized. In addition, participants will be required to hand in a 5-page assignment by 31 May in which they apply the course content on a topic of their choice. Students who pass the exam receive a 'certificate'. Students who are present during the sessions, but do not take the exam, are entitled to a 'certificate of attendance'.

Enrollment

Candidates should apply by sending an email to mirindi.thierry@ucbukavu.ac.cd by 28 February at the latest. They should include their CV (max. 4 pages) and letter of motivation (max. 1 page), and proof of place of residence if they come from outside Bukavu. The letter (English or French) can mention a general motivation, but should also mention a concrete (academic) project that the candidate seeks to advance by following the course. The team of lecturers will select the 20 most suitable applications. The other applicants will be on a waiting list. The selection will be communicated by 20 March. The selected applicants will be asked to confirm their participation by 25 March. Lack of confirmation will result in replacement by someone on the waiting list.

Practicalities

- Location: Bukavu (Centre Amani). Timing: 10 consecutive days (Monday-Saturday and Monday-Thursday), from 9 am till 5 pm. Lunch and coffee breaks are provided.
- Finances: There is no enrollment fee. There are no per diems. However, three selected applicants from outside of Bukavu will receive a lump sum of 750 euros to cover accommodation and all costs related to their stay in Bukavu. In addition, their transport costs from their place of residence to Bukavu can be covered for a maximum of 600 euros, and to be justified with receipts.

- The lectures will be in French, but most of the course materials will be in English. **English reading skills are required.**

Preliminary schedule

| | Monday 24/04 | Tuesday 25/04 | Wednesday 26/04 | Thursday 27/04 | Friday 28/04 | Saturday 29/04 |
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| 9:00-10:30 | Introduction: Geenen | Iragi | Geenen | Nkuba | Bambu | Bashizi |
| 10:30-11:00 | Coffee break | Coffee break | Coffee break | Coffee break | Coffee break | |
| 11:00-12:30 | Verpoorten | Iragi | Geenen | Nkuba | Bambu | Bashizi |
| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | |
| 13:30-15:00 | Verpoorten | Geenen | Nkuba | Discussion on TP | Bambu | Bashizi |
| 15:00-15:30 | Coffee break | Coffee break | Coffee break | Coffee break | Coffee break | |
| 15:30-17:00 | Verpoorten | Geenen | Nkuba | Self-study | Self-study | Self-study |

| | Monday 01/05 | Tuesday 02/05 | Wednesday 03/05 | Thursday 04/05 |
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| 9:00-10:30 | Kilosho | Bashwira | Mudinga | Open book exam |
| 10:30-11:00 | Coffee break | Coffee break | Coffee break | Coffee break |
| 11:00-12:30 | Kilosho | Bashwira | Mudinga | |
| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch |
| 13:30-15:00 | Kilosho | Bashwira | Mudinga | Stakeholder meeting |
| 15:00-15:30 | Coffee break | Coffee break | Coffee break | Coffee break |
| 15:30-17:00 | Kilosho | Bashwira | Mudinga | Stakeholder meeting |