

Full Syllabus



Course Title

Environmental Law

Lecturer

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Semester

Spring

Course requirements

Attendance in person is required in at least 80% of the classes

Final grade components

Reading responses (20%), presentation (20%), final paper (60%)

Course schedule

Date

Subject and Requirements (assignments, reading materials, tasks, etc.)

21.2

Please note! The class will be on Monday 21.2 at 08:30-10:00 instead of Thursday 24.2

Introduction

Reading:

- Free search: the definition of "Environmental law"
- David Schorr, Historical analysis in environmental law I: Introduction

https://environmentlawhistory.blogspot.com/2017/12/historical-analysis-in-environmental.html

10.3

Environmental law basics (A) – environmental ethics and the conceptualization of environmental problems

Reading:

- Aldo Leopold, The Land Ethics, in: A SAND COUNTY ALMANAC (1949)
- Christopher Stone, Should Trees Have Standing? Toward Legal Rights for Natural Objects, 45 S.CAL. L. REV. 450 (1972)
- Garrett Hardin, The Tragedy of the Commons, 162 SCIENCE 1243 (1968)
- PIGOU, ARTHUR C., ECONOMICS OF WELFARE (1932)
- Coase, Ronald H. The Problem of Social Cost, 3 J. L. & ECON. 1 (1960)

24.3

Environmental law basics (B) - legal and regulatory tools for environmental protection Reading:

Carol M. Rose, *Rethinking Environmental Controls: Management Strategies for Common Resources*, 1991 DUKE LAW JOURNAL 1-38 (1991)

- DANIEL J. FIORINO, THE NEW ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION (2006) Chapter 1 pp. 1-27 https://www.researchgate.net/publication/236219080 The New Environmental Regulation
- "Nuisance", https://law.jrank.org/pages/8873/Nuisance.html
- Keohane, Nathaniel, R Revesz, and Robert N Stavins, *The Choice of Regulatory Instruments in Environmental Policy*, HARVARD ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REVIEW 22, 313 (1998) (please read pp. 313-325)
- Biber, Eric and Ruhl, J. B., *The Permit Power Revisited: The Theory and Practice of Regulatory Permits in the Administrative State* 64 DUKE LAW JOURNAL 133 (2014)



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31.3 International environmental law in a nutshell

Reading:

- Edith Brown Weiss, *The Evolution of International Environmental Law* 54 JAPANESE Y.B. INTL. L. 1-27 (2011)
- About the Paris Agreement: https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/what-is-the-paris-agreement
- Carl Bruch, Is International Environmental Law Really Law?: An Analysis of Application in Domestic Courts, 23 PACE ENVTL. L. REV. 423 (2006)

7.4 | Environmental law in Israel – nature protection from 1963 to 2019 Reading:

- Benny Furst, Morphology of Cultural Transformation: The Campaign to Save Israel's Wildflower and its Spatial Impacts (2017)

https://natureisrael.org/cms_uploads/Publications/Benny-Furst-Research-Paper-1d1ri62.pdf

- National Parks, Nature Reserves, National Sites and Memorial Sites Law, 5758-1998 (Israel) http://www.sviva.gov.il/English/Legislation/Pages/NatureBiodiversityOpenSpaces.aspx
- Prevention of Environmental Nuisances (Civil Action) Law 5752-1992 available at: http://www.sviva.gov.il/English/Legislation/Documents/Nuisances%20Laws%20and%20Regulations/PreventionOfEnvironmentalNuisances-CivilAction-Law1992.pdf
- Zafrir Rinat, *Israel Passes Law Allowing Civil Suits for Environmental Damage*, HAARETZ, Jan. 2 2019, https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium-israel-passes-law-allowing-civil-suits-for-environmental-damage-1.6804095

Please note! The class will be on Monday 11.4 at 08:30-10:00 Students Presentations

28.4 Environmental law in Israel – air and coastal environment

- Ehud Zion Waldoks, *Knesset Approves Clean Air Act*, The Jerusalem Post, July 22, 2008 https://www.jpost.com/Israel/Knesset-approves-Clean-Air-Act

Yuval Azulai, *Clean Air Law benefits estimated at NIS 115b*, GLOBES, July.12, 2018 https://en.globes.co.il/en/article-clean-air-law-benefits-estimated-at-nis-115b-1001245985 https://en.globes.co.il/en/article-clean-air-law-benefits-estimated-at-nis-115b-1001245985 https://en.globes.co.il/en/article-clean-air-law-benefits-estimated-at-nis-115b-1001245985

- http://www.adamteva.org.il/?CategoryID=1113&ArticleID=1977
- http://www.adamteva.org.il/_Uploads/dbsAttachedFiles/compressed-timeline.pdf
- About the Planning and Building Law 5725-1965 (Israel):

http://www.sviva.gov.il/English/Legislation/Pages/PlanningAndBuilding.aspx

12.5 | Environmental law in Israel – the natural gas case PETROLEUM LAW, 5712 – 1952 (articles 1-6)

http://www.energy-sea.gov.il/English-Site/SiteAssets/PETROLEUM%20%20LAW,%201952.pdf

- Peter Jan Honigsberg, *Conflict of Interest that Led to the Gulf Oil Disaster*, 41 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REPORTER NEWS & ANALYSIS (2011)
- Tamara Lotner Lev, Liability for Environmental Damages from the Offshore Petroleum Industry: Strict Liability Justifications and the Judgment-Proof Problem, 43 ECOLOGY L.Q. (2017) From the media:
- "Noble Energy warns Israel on gas roadmap", *lobes [online], Israel business news, September 3,* 2015 https://en.globes.co.il/en/article-noble-energy-warns-israel-on-gas-roadmap-1001066459



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- MoEP Opposes Natural Gas Plan in Current Form,

http://www.sviva.gov.il/English/ResourcesandServices/NewsAndEvents/NewsAndMessageDover/Pages/2015/07-July/MoEP-Stance-on-Natural-Gas-Plan.aspx

19.5 | Environmental law and institutional analysis

Reading

- George J. Stigler, The Theory of Economic Regulation, 2 BELL JOUR. OF ECON. & MANAGE. SCI. 3 (1971); 2)
- William Novak, A Revisionist History of Regulatory Capture, in PREVENTING REGULATORY CAPTURE: SPECIAL INTEREST INFLUENCE AND HOW TO LIMIT IT (D. CARPENTER AND D. MOSS EDS., 2013)
- Biber, Eric, Too Many Things to Do: How to Deal with the Dysfunctions of Multiple-Goal Agencies 33 HARV. ENVTL. L. REV 1 (2009)
- 30.5 Please note! The class will be on Monday 30.5 at 10:15-11:45 (Make up for 3.3) Students Presentations
- 26.6 Climate change and the law

Reading:

- Sax, Joseph L., The Public Trust Doctrine in Natural Resource Law: Effective Judicial Intervention 68 MICH. L. REV. 471 (1970)
- Wood Mary Christina & Dan Galpern, *Atmospheric Recovery Litigation: Making the Fossil Fuel Industry Pay to Restore a Viable Climate System*. 45 ENVTL. L. 259, (2015)
- Read the background and the latest briefs on *Juliana V. the U.S,* http://climatecasechart.com/case/juliana-v-united-states/
- 2.6 Students Presentations

9.6 Course Review

Required course reading

Optional course reading

Comments