Sustainable Development
ESR3105
Syllabus
Summer Semester 2016

Weekly hours  4
ECTS-Credits  5
Workload  150 hours (50 contact hours + 100 hours of self-study)
Level  Advanced
Prerequisites  Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, International Economics
Teaching Approach  Lecture
Grading  Test (60 min)
Time  Monday 15:30-17:00; 17:15-18:45
Room  W3.2.04
Start  March 21

Learning Objectives

- Understand the basic concept of Sustainable Development (SD), the environmental, social and economic dimensions.
- Know the history of the SD idea.
- Be able to discuss the conflicts which are involved in the SD concept on the national as well as on the global scale.
- Be familiar with potential strategic options for SD (efficiency, sufficiency).
- Be able to discuss the (dis-)advantages of instruments for SD.
- Understand the SD challenge for companies, their responsibility and their potentials for action.

General Introduction

Sustainable Development (SD) is defined as “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs” (Brundtland Report 1987). More specific sustainable development goals (SDGs) have been formulated by the UN in 2015. The most critical resources for the survival of future generations are climate stability and biodiversity. Therefore, we have to respect the planetary boundaries of economic activity today. However, today many people are still far from being able to meet their basic needs, especially in developing countries. SD not only addresses the question of inter-generational justice but also this intra-generational issue: How to improve the life of the poor without overburdening the ecosystems? This is a challenge for individual lifestyles (especially in rich nations), for companies and for government policy. The lecture provides a basic understanding of these challenges, introduces strategies and instruments for sustainable development.
Contents

1 Introduction and History: Brundtland, Rio, SDGs
2 Basic Concepts, Strategies and Measurement
3 Efficiency and Innovation, Green Growth and Rebound
4 Sufficiency, Income and Labor, Consumption Patterns and Lifestyles
5 Poverty and Inequality
6 Instruments for SD
7 Governance, Education and Science System
8 Climate Change
9 Biodiversity
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Schedule (preliminary Feb 2016)

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Literature and Course Materials

- FU Hagen / Lund University, Climate Change – A Question of Justice? Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), Units 4, 7, 8 [https://mooc.umweltwissenschaften.de/]

- Check e-learning platform for new additional course materials

2.1 Literature

OECD (2007): Instrument Mixes for Environmental Policy, Paris
OECD (2008a): Conducting Sustainability Assessments, Paris
OECD (2012a): OECD Environmental Outlook 2050+, Paris
OECD (2012b): Environmental Performance Reviews: Germany 2012, Paris
OECD (2014): How was Life? Global Well-being since 1820, Paris
Randers, Jorgen (2012): 2052: A Global Forecast for the Next Forty Years, launched by the Club of Rome, Post Mills VT (Chelsea Green Publishing)

2.2 Company Strategies and Reporting (examples)
Daimler AG  https://www.daimler.com/sustainability/
Ernst & Young  http://www.ey.com/DE/de/About-us/Corporate-Responsibility
General Electric  http://www.gecitizenship.com/

2.3 Reporting, Rating, Ranking
GRI  https://www.globalreporting.org/
Oekom Munich  http://www.oekom-research.com/
INFRAS Zürich  http://www.infras.ch/d/infras/
Corporate Register  http://www.corporateregister.com/
UN Global Compact  http://www.unglobalcompact.org/
PRME  http://www.unprme.org/
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<td>Environmental instruments, efficiency and sufficiency for sustainable development. Environmental protection and economic growth.</td>
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<td>Students are able to use information systems effectively in real world business settings.</td>
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<td>Critical thinking and analytical competence</td>
<td>Critical discussion of causes / consequences and benefits / risks of sustainable development. Discussion of current economic issues in the context of the global sustainable development debate.</td>
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<td>Ethical awareness</td>
<td>Understanding inter- and intra-generational justice. Know MDG and SDG and their ethical fundaments.</td>
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<td>Students demonstrate their oral communication skills in presentations and papers.</td>
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