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COURSE SYLLABUS

Maritime Spaces and Globalization: Economic and Environmental Questions

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Title

Maritime Spaces and Globalization: Economic and Environmental Challenges

Teacher(s)

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Language

English

Short description

In recent decades, the acceleration in the globalization process has made the interdependence between economic development and long-distance trade even closer than before, which for over 90% uses waterways to ensure connectivity for the world economic system. That same acceleration, on the other hand, has also brought out the negative externalities caused by an intensive and poorly regulated use of marine spaces, especially from an environmental point of view. Even institutions mainly dedicated to economic analysis, such as the OECD, are actively engaging themselves in the study of the complex relationships between commercial navigation and

environmental protection. Economic well-being and the health of the marine ecosystem have begun to be considered equally important, after the latter was in fact sacrificed to the former for decades. The lectures will introduce the fundamental aspects of contemporary economic globalization, the role played within it by sea-related activities, and the attitude of the main international institutions towards problems related to the environmental impact of maritime economic activities.

CFU / Hours

2CFU/16 hours

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Sustainable Development Goals

SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
