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Level: 7Credit Rating: 15Indicative Time Allowances (hours):

Lec	Tut	Sem	Prt	Wrk	Fld	Other	Deliv. Tot	Exam	Private Study	Tot. Learning Hours
22	0	6	0	2	0	0	30	0	120	150

Semester Delivery: (Select one only)Semester 1 Semester 2 Runs twice (S1 & S2) Year Long Summer Other Pre-requisites: n/aRecommended Prior Study: n/aCo-requisites: n/aBarred Combinations: n/aAims:

- a) Develop an informed understanding of the complexity of political and economic opinions, perspectives, constraints and interactions that influence environmental policy and action, from international to local levels, and the influence of political and

- economic aspects on environmental change, sustainability and transformational adaptation planning and policy.
- b) Critically appraise the ethical dilemmas and communicative strategies associated with environmental change, in order that students may make sound judgment when contemplating these challenges as applied to sustainability, adaptation planning and decision making.
 - c) Have a thorough understanding of historical political and economic changes in order that students may critically and systematically appraise the influences on and potential outcomes of political and economic system transformations required for sustainability delivery and adaptation planning.
 - d) Develop a discerning and detailed knowledge of the complexities, interrelationships and interactions that exist between politics, economics and other social sciences in order that students can contextualise them with reference to environment, sustainability and adaptation planning.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Demonstrate a critical understanding of the fundamentals of the political, social and economic systems across geographical scales, and appreciate the complex interactions that exist between them;
2. Display a thorough understanding of the transformational political and economic change required to effect societal transformational change;
3. Formulate a synthesis of the current political and economic factors, ethical considerations, and influences on sustainability and adaptation thinking;
4. Debate the factors that relate to the communication of the need for transformational change in a broad environmental context.

Learning Activities:

This module will comprise a series of lectures and interactive seminars, and a short practical activity. The assessed debates will be run in groups and conducted over Skype, and chaired by a tutor.

Distance learners will have access to the lectures via the VLE, and join seminars with a tutor. The assessed debates will be run in groups and conducted over Skype and chaired by a tutor.

Outline Syllabus:

Environmental ethics, political philosophy and the environment, media power, popular culture, models of democracy and sustainability, transformational political and economic changes, communication strategies for achieving transformational adaptation change, political localism, grassroots environmentalism, local government and the environment, international politics of climate change and climate finance, psychology of behavioural change and climate change communication, introduction to and critique of neoclassical economics, alternative economic perspectives, including Keynesianism, Marxism, environmental economics, ecological economics and no-growth economics.

Assessment Details:

1. Coursework: Essay (2,400 word max). 80%
2. Coursework: Debate (10 minutes, 600 words equivalent). 20%

Weighting between E and CW: 0% 100%

Relationship between learning outcomes and assessment tasks:

	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
Component 1	X	X	X	
Component 2				X

Minimum Pass Mark (%): 50

Module Notes:

This module is available onsite or at distance.