(GPP 825) Sustainable Development: Theory, Research, and Policy

Pre-requisites: None

Learning objectives

This course provides a practical, policy-oriented review of the concept of sustainable development. The course aims to explore the research methods and policy design for effective way of achieving sustainable development.

Learning outcomes

After completing the course, students should be able to:
- Define the concept of sustainable development from a variety of perspectives.
- Explain how the idea of sustainability and development has changed through, history, and how policy has evolved in line with these changing conceptions.
- Discuss United Nations' efforts to structure and implement sustainable development internationally and locally.
- Apply sustainable development policy statements to current environmental and development issues, and analyze the effects of these policies.
- Critically examine current trends in sustainable development, and relate these to theories of globalization.

Course Contents

Introduction to Sustainable Development, Economy and Sustainable Development, Education for Sustainable Development, People to People Approaches to Sustainable Development, Community, Population and Sustainable Development.

Text books
1. David Satterthwaite. 1997. Sustainable Cities or Cities That Contribute to Sustainable Development? Urban Studies Vol. 34, No. 10, pp. 1667-1691.

2. Arthur H. Westing. 1996. Core Values for Sustainable Development. Environmental Conservation Vol. 23, No. 3, pp. 218-225