



ACADEMIA AESTIVA INTERNATIONALIS

Global Environmental Politics: Adaptation vs. Mitigation

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Perhaps each and every person shall travel around the world once. Not just to see it, but also to realise how beautiful, and precious our world is. To realise that we live in a beautiful cage from which there is no escape, and everything we do – good or bad – will stay here, and there is no possibility to run away from our responsibility towards the planet.

After the concerns about the environment in environmental politics were on sidetrack for far too long, there is now a global awareness rising of the urgency, and importance to address the issue. There are ecological limits for our planet, and sustainable development is the only viable path forward. There is a wide variety of issues connected with environment that needs to be addressed on a global level in order to be effective, and a broad range of legal and political considerations to be made. Global environmental politics is at the forefront of the United Nations' endeavours, and to bring about positive change the entire United Nations system needs to face many aspects of the challenge. Besides, environment is inextricably linked with human rights, especially through the right of every citizen to a clean, healthy and productive environment, and other rights of the third generation. Sustainable development implies meeting the basic needs of all and extending to all the opportunity to fulfil their aspirations to live in dignity.

The University of Ljubljana's Faculty of Social Sciences, in partnership with the United Nations Association of Slovenia, is therefore organising *Academia Aestiva Internationalis* Summer School, which will this time be entitled 'Global Environmental Politics: Adaptation vs. Mitigation'. It will be held between 1 – 8 July 2017 in Ljubljana, the Green Capital of Europe 2016. It will be attended by students, young volunteers, and activists aged between 18 and 30 years.



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The *Academia Aestiva Internationalis* will highlight a number of most pressing topics regarding environmental policies, ranging from the most salient issues, legal perspectives, UN endeavours, pollution, renewable energy, to economic perspectives, and human rights. It will furthermore present environmental dimension of 2030 development agenda, and reflect on pollution and waste-management. Faced with complex multi-sectoral crises, the summer school will focus on deconstruction of environmental problems to the pure essence of theirs.

The attendees will be immersed into interactive lectures, participate in workshops, and lively debates, all of which will be conducted by professionals and experts with many references, and rich expertise in their respective fields of work and research. There is a possibility of earning 4 ECTS for participating in the *Academia Aestiva Internationalis* summer course.

There is no participation fee for *Academia Aestiva Internationalis*, and the organisers will provide accommodation co-financing for foreigners, coffee breaks, and free transportation around Ljubljana. There will also be an organized day trip covered by the organizers. Unfortunately, there are no scholarships available for traveling expenses.

Students, young volunteers, and activists are kindly invited to apply. The deadline for the applications is 1 June 2017; the number of participants is limited. The applicants will be notified about selection by 10 June 2017.

More information can be found at our web site: <http://www.academia-aestiva-internationalis.si>

You are kindly invited to apply, and it would also be highly appreciated if it would be possible to spread the word about *Academia Aestiva Internationalis* through your channels.