



EST 690, International Environmental Policy Consultancy (3-4 cr*)

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TuTh 8-9:20 am EDT, *Baker 141*

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An innovative, collaborative, applied course and group practicum in environmental policy consultation at the global level. Linked with students in parallel courses at **Wageningen University** (Netherlands) and **Van Lang University** (Vietnam), EST 690 students will serve as “externs” for a semester-long consultancy project ('commission') with the Division on Technology and Logistics, **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development** (UNCTAD); and Division for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), **United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs** (DESA) ('client'). Students will learn group consulting skills including issue definition and stakeholder identification; proposal preparation, team building and leadership; data collection, analysis and interpretation; consultancy report writing and presentation. With colleagues in the Netherlands and Vietnam, students will fulfill the client's Terms of Reference, producing and delivering a set of Science-Policy Briefs for international policy makers related to *emerging issues for sustainable development*. Of particular interest are *new, cutting-edge innovations in science and technology* that have high potential for broad, global impacts, and which are especially challenging for governmental and intergovernmental agencies and informed publics to understand and regulate for the common good. Specific topics of priority interest to the United Nations Commission on Science, Technology, and Development (CSTD), UNCTAD, and DESA will be specified at a later date. Final report preparation and delivery will continue through Friday, December 17, in collaboration with students from the Netherlands and Vietnam. Course grades will be submitted in early January, upon receipt of the client's evaluation of the final report and policy briefs. *Instructor's permission required.*

For further information, please contact Prof. David Sonnenfeld at <dsonn@esf.edu>

* 4 cr recommended, through 12/17/2021; 3 cr through regular end of semester.