ENVST-UA 9423  
History of American Environmental Policy  
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This survey course will focus on the historical development of U.S. federal authority and capacity over public lands and resources, including the germination and expansion of the idea of a coherent public interest with respect to air, water, forests, landscapes, and other environmental attributes. The course will address U.S. environmental policy through several lenses, including (1) a set of two introductory sessions in which students are introduced to key terminology, concepts, and orientations toward the domain of environmental policy; (2) a core series of fourteen sessions through which we survey how historical precedents have shaped contemporary U.S. environmental policies and programs; and (3) a concluding set of three sessions through which we review several unfolding environmental policy topics (e.g., climate change, invasive species, or hydraulic fracturing).

Primary readings will include:

2. Sterner, Thomas. 2003, Policy Instruments for Environmental and Natural Resources Management (Resources for the Future)  
3. Fiorino, Daniel. 1995, Making Environmental Policy (University of California)

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