

# State-of-the-art in International Forest Policy

7,5 ECTS credits

September 4 to October 8 2017

Lecture period: September 11 - 15

## About

The course aims to provide understanding of international forest policy on global as well as European level from a broad social science perspective, with an emphasis on the economics perspective. The course aims at an interdisciplinary audience, welcoming students not only from core social sciences but also from management of natural resources, forests being one example. The course also aims at progress from a theoretical definition of forest policy to practical examples of forest policy on the EU level.

In more detail the learning outcomes are to gain:

- a general overview of international forest policy and climate change mitigation and adaptation and related frameworks,
- an in-depth understanding of the political economy of deforestation, and related policy instruments,
- an in-depth understanding of methods and approaches to analyze actors and institutions in specific policy arenas, using the example of REDD+,
- a general overview on important European forest related policies and actors,
- an in-depth economic understanding of how European forest and environmental policy making works, from both a theoretical and practical perspective, and
- a general overview of European forest and climate policy development in practice, from the perspective of an EU Member State negotiator.

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## Lecturers

**Maria Brockhaus**, professor of international forest policy at the University of Helsinki, is a forest policy analyst and agricultural economist with a focus on political economy, policy change, and network analysis. A large part of her research is concerned with forests' role in climate change mitigation and adaptation at the interfaces of research–development, and economics–policy in African, Asian, and Latin American countries. Before joining the University of Helsinki, professor Brockhaus was a senior scientist at the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR).

**Georg Winkel**, professor in forest economics at the University of Freiburg and head of the research programme “Forests for Society”, at the European Forest Institute (EFI). Professor Winkel coordinates social science research within EFI and its network, and has a broad research interest in forest policy analysis with a focus on European and global natural resource governance. He has previously been affiliated with both Yale University and the University of California at Berkeley.

**Hans Nilsagård**, senior advisor at the Swedish Ministry of Rural Affairs. Mr. Nilsagård is an alumnus of the Dept. of Forest Economics, SLU, and have for many years been the Swedish government forest policy expert and representative at several of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) meetings as well as at the EU level, and has the practitioners' point of view on international climate policy and how national policies feed into EU policies on forest issues.



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## Course period and structure

The course starts with a self-study period of course material, continues with an intensive week of lectures and is finalized with assignments and a take-home exam. The course is introduced by lectures on the global perspective of forest policy. Next, the course will take the European perspective of forest policy and the course will be concluded by lectures from a practitioner's point of view, discussing the EU-level, and how national policy feed into EU policies addressing forests.

The course includes a blend of lectures, group discussions, practical exercises, social events and home-work. Each accepted participant must send to the organizers a two-page note describing 1) the issues they work on of relevance for this course, 2) their expectations as to how the course may benefit them. There will be readings before the course start.

There is no tuition fee for students who are affiliated with a NOVA (the Nordic Forestry, Veterinary and Agricultural University Network) or BOVA (the Baltic Forestry, Veterinary and Agricultural University Network) university. Other students are charged with a fee of SEK 2000 to be paid before the course starts. Please check the NOVA homepage and the BOVA homepage for information regarding eligibility.

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