

European Water Studies

1. Course instructor

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Jamie Linton directs a research programme on rivers at the University of Limoges, France. His main research interest is in the relations between water and people from an historical and geographical perspective. Dr. Linton is currently involved in personal and collaborative research projects focusing on various aspects of the hydrosocial cycle, the history of socio-fluvial relations in France, European water policy, and the political implications of multiple ontologies of water.

2. Course description

Contact hours	Credits	Term
12 hours	__ ECTS	Autumn/Spring

Requisites: [indiquer si vous pensez que certains prérequis sont nécessaires]

Objectives and skills

The overall course objective is to develop a critical understanding of European water policy and its application.

Course description:

The course is centered on developing an understanding of the development of European water policy, focusing on the Water Framework Directive of 2000, and its application. While most of the specific examples will be drawn from the application of the WFD in France, we will compare approaches to public participation and other aspects of water management in different countries of Europe.

3. Course material

Reference/reading Materials:

Giorgos Kallis and Peter Nijkamp. 1999. Evolution of EU water policy: A critical assessment and a hopeful perspective. [Serie Research Memoranda](#) 0027, VU University Amsterdam, Faculty of Economics, Business Administration and Econometrics.

Maria Kaika. 2003. The Water Framework Directive: A New Directive for a Changing Social, Political and Economic European Framework. *European Planning Studies*, 11: 3, 299 — 316

Jamie Linton and Tobias Krueger. 2020. The ontological fallacy of the Water Framework Directive: Implications and alternatives. *Water Alternatives*. 13 (3).

4. Course assessment

Assessment details

Assessment will be based on class participation and a written assignment.

5. Course structure

The course is divided into several themes, around which the lectures will be organized:

1. History of water in European context
2. Evolution of European water policy
3. The Water Framework Directive
4. Application of the Water Framework Directive
5. Public participation in water management
6. Problems encountered with the Water Framework Directive and directions for the future