

ECONOMIC LAW ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT
IN THE EUROPEAN AND GERMAN LEGAL SYSTEMS

Second part of the course Economic Law on Natural Resources and the Environment,
from the perspective of comparison of laws

Assignment

(50 of 100 points for the course)

Please discuss in a short text (without bibliography, not more than 4 to 5 pages) one of the following topics. Please refer in this context also to the relevant European and/or German law.

1. ... [A classical or current topic of mining law]
2. Approaches, examples and perspectives of emissions trading law
3. Approaches, examples and perspectives of renewable energy law
4. Approaches, examples and perspectives of general climate protection law

Note: Please send me your answer until 05.06.2025 directly via e-mail (tschmit1@thomas-schmitz-eu.de). All course participants are welcome to contact me to discuss the strong and weak points of their paper.

Note on the use of artificial intelligence: The use of artificial intelligence is restricted to ensure that your paper is your work and not that of a machine. You are not allowed to use AI for the *writing* of your text, except for linguistic review, but you may use it as a *tool for research*. In this case, you must (1.) specify which AI tool you used to find which information (since you did not find it yourself), (2.) *verify thoroughly every single information* and its references (did the AI understand them correctly?) and (3.) *formulate each sentence of your text yourself* (no "copy & paste" from chatbots).

Be aware that AI chatbots are often "*hallucinating*" and that in the field of law much of their information is wrong, distorted or unprecise! If your work contains "hallucinated" references, it is scientifically worthless and will fail the examination. Therefore, use several chatbots and compare their findings. You will be surprised about the discrepancies! Request precise information on the exact article in the relevant law, the exact page in the cited court decision, the exact webpage within a large web compendium, and verify it. You may be surprised how often it turns out to be nonsense...