

LEGAL POLICY ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT
IN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND GERMANY

Contribution to the course Politik Hukum Agraria dan Lingkungan Hidup (MIH)

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Preliminary remark: At the Faculty of Law of Universitas Gadjah Mada the courses are shared by several lecturers. This table informs about my lectures on 30.09., 07.10. and 14.10.2025. They complement those of my colleagues *Dr. Any Andjarwati* and *Dr. Fajar Winarni* from a comparative perspective.

§ 1 General aspects

- I. A highly complex and dynamic law governing natural resources and the environment
- II. The law caught in the conflict between economic interests, responsible use of natural resources, and environmental and climate protection
- III. Natural resources, environmental and climate protection at the heart of political struggle
- IV. The irrational fluctuation of public opinion between selfish-ignorant neglect and quasi-totalitarian overrating of climate protection

§ 2 The European environmental policy and the Green Deal

- I. Objectives, principles and instruments of European environmental policy
- II. Current and recent focus areas of European environmental policy
- III. The European Green Deal of 2019
- IV. The implementation of the European Green Deal
- V. Perspectives

§ 3 General climate protection policy

- I. International commitment to climate protection
- II. Key activities in European climate protection policy
- III. German climate protection policy
- IV. The European ban on combustion engines in new cars from 2035 and the lobbying of the European car industry against it (→ Regulation 2019/631)
- V. Perspectives

§ 4 Energy and environmental law policy

- I. The transition from fossil fuels to renewable energies as a key factor for climate protection
- II. Germany as a pioneer for this transition in the past
- III. The EU Renewable Energy Directive (RED) (now Directive 2018/2001)
- IV. The German Renewable Energies Act 2023 [Erneuerbare-Energien-Gesetz]
- V. Perspectives

§ 5 Anti-deforestation policy

- I. The problem of worldwide deforestation and forest degradation despite bold commitments
- II. The EU Regulation on Deforestation-free Products (EUDR) of 2023 (Regulation 2023/1115)
- III. The controversy surrounding the Anti-Deforestation Regulation in the Global South
- IV. Discussion: How to protect the rainforest effectively without patronising the Global South and placing the burden lopsidedly on it?

§ 6 Other issues under discussion

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