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Environment, Energy and Climate Governance - comparing India and Europe

(2 SWS), Block (s. A.)

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Location: FFU, Ihnstraße 22, 3rd floor, Library

Short summary:

Environmental policy and climate protection take place in multi-level institutional structures, especially in federal systems. This is not only the case in a variety of nation states such as India, but also in the quasi-federal system of the European Union. The institutional setting therein, as well as the division of tasks between different political levels, most likely effects problem-solving capacity in one way or another. Federal structures have their assets and drawbacks; as can be demonstrated by the background of numerous examples - among them US and European climate protection policies -, they provide for both innovation and gridlock.

The purpose of this seminar is to study the constraints and potentials of political decision-making, implementation and management in the Indian and the European multi-level system. Our main field of interest will be the cross-sectional problem of climate change and the policy areas related to it inter alia energy policy and environmental policy. We will compare the dynamics of multi-level governance in the European Union and India in respect to these policy issues and draw conclusions on the assets and drawbacks of their governance structures for effective problem-solving.

The Program:

Introduction

Friday, Oct^{22th} *Introductory meeting:*

Introduction to the seminar, the topic, the programme and the requirements

Friday, Jan 7nd 2011, 14:15-18:30

India and the European Union are vastly different political systems. India, on the one hand, is a federal union of states and nation state; and the other hand, the EU is a "quasi-federal" supranational union of member states, though is not a nation state. We will take a short introductory look at the historical development of the political systems and the socio-political conditions for taking action. The institutional set-ups (polity), the state of political integration, actor constellations and the dynamics of political decision-making processes (politics) in their multi-level systems will be considered.

Presentations:

Prof. Dr. Arun Kansal: Federal Policy-Making in India

Dr. Kirsten Jörgensen: The quasi-federal system of the EU

The second part of the blocked seminar meeting is dedicated to the discussion and agreement on the goals of the seminar. We will discuss our goals and the questions we want to research; in addition, we will develop an analytical frame for our seminar sessions.

Friday Jan 14nd, 2011, 14:15-19:00

Federalist policy-making in India and Europe: Environment, Climate and Energy

Institutions and actors, dynamics of policy-making. Here we shall delve into the details of environmental, climate and energy governance in India and the EU. We want to study the institutional set up for environment, climate and energy policy considering legislative powers as well as competencies for implementation. We are also interested in insights into public revenues and spending in the above-mentioned areas. Last not least, we want to learn about public as well as private actors involved in policy-making.

Presentations:

Prof. Dr. Arun Kansal: Environmental Federalism in India

Dr. Kirsten Jörgensen: Environmental Federalism in the EU

Fabian Schroth, Judith Wolf: „Effects of the Governmental Changes on Solid Waste Management in India”

Comparative policy analysis: Environment, Climate and Energy governance and politics

Friday Jan 21nd, 2011, 14:15-19:00

Comparing water management frameworks, ewaste policies; clean air policies and governance for sustainable development in India and Europe

Water Management in Europe: *Sonja Kaufmann (FU)*

Water Management in India: *Marit (FU)*

Presenting a project on comparative Ewaste management in Europe, India and the US: *Alexandra Skinner*

Waste Management in India: Simon Thomas Ebener (FU)

Clean Air Policies in India: *Marja (FU)*

Friday Jan 28th, 2011, 14:15-19:00

Comparing climate policy – approaches to mitigation and adaptation in India and Europe I

- Climate Politics in the multi-level System of the EU: *Kirsten Jörgensen (FU)*

- European Climate Policy – Targets, Programs, Instruments, Institutions: *Stefanie Schäfer (FU)*

- Climate Policy in India: The National Climate Strategy, main targets and instruments: *Pallavi Sharma (TERI University)*

Renewable Energy Policies in India: *Drishya Nair (TERI University)*

Indias Energy Mix: *Deepak Sharma (TERI University)*

Adaptation in India: *Lavinia (FU)*

Implementing Climate Policy in India- Clean Development Mechanisms and Sector approaches short presentation: David Knewitz (FU)

Friday, Feb 4th, 2011, 14:15-19:00

Comparing climate policy II

- Climate Politics in India and Europe the role of actors and institutions
- The role of India and Europe in global climate governance
- Bilateral cooperation between India and Europe in the areas of climate and energy policy, potentials for its further expansion

Friday , Feb 11th, 2011, 14:15-18:00 afterwards get together at the Dahlemer Dorfkrug

Role of the sub-national state level in environmental, climate and energy policies
Comparing India, Germany and the USA

Guest: Prof. Devi Prasad, Science Counselor Indian Embassy

Course evaluation

Attendance and grading

Importance will be placed on regular attendance, active class participation, as well as punctual submission of the seminar paper.

The final grade for the class will be calculated as follows:

Active and productive class participation	20 %
Student presentation	30%
Seminar paper (due till February 11 th)	50%

Class meetings are designed to be a series of lecture and discussion meetings, with full participation by all students. Students are required to make a short oral presentation and write a seminar paper (ca. 10 pages) that relates to their seminar presentations.

In order to discuss the main goals and questions of your presentation, please get in touch with Kirsten Jörgensen and Arun Kansal.

The paper is due by February 11th for the early bird. Final deadline is March 28th it will not be accepted later. The papers should use citations and be properly referenced. Students are responsible for bringing one paper copy and are asked to transmit an electronic copy as well.

The course uses the FU Blackboard.