

CORE COURSE - XI - ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS

Module -1 : Nexus between Economics and Environment

Material balance principle- resilience and carrying capacity- Externalities and market inefficiency – externalities as missing markets; Property rights and externalities, non-convexities and externalities; Pareto optimal provision of public goods – Lindahl's equilibrium, preference revelation problem and impure and mixed public goods, common property resources.

Module -2 : The Theory of Environmental Policy

Environmental externalities – Pigouvian taxes and subsidies, marketable pollution permits and mixed instruments (the charges and standards approach), Coase's bargaining solution and collective action; Informal regulation and the new model of pollution control, Monitoring and enforcement of environmental regulation, Environmental institutions and grass root movements; Global environmental externalities and climatic change – Tradable pollution permits and international carbon tax, Trade and environment in WTO regime.

Module -3 : Economics of Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Development

Theories of optimal use of exhaustible and renewable resources; Issues in biodiversity- Environmental and development trade off and the concept of sustainable development; Integrated environmental and economic accounting and the measurement of environmentally corrected GDP; Macroeconomic policies and environment.

Module -4 : Measurement of Environmental Values

User values; Option values and non-use values; Valuation methods – Methods based on observed market behaviour; Hedonic property values and household production models (travel cost methods and household health production function), Methods based on response to hypothetical markets contingent valuation methods.

Module -5 : Environmental and Natural Resource Problems in India

Mechanism for environment regulation in India; Environmental laws and their implementation; Policy instruments for controlling water and air pollution and forestry policy; People's participation in the management of common and forest lands; The institutions of joint forest management and the joint protected area management; Social forestry – rationale and benefits.

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