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Invited speakers

A number of prominent scientist will give lectures, and share their experience with and views on integrated assessments of global issues:

Rik Leemans
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Robert T. Watson
University of East Anglia, UK

Ekko Van Ierland
Wageningen University, the Netherlands

Frans Berkhout
Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Pavel Kabat
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And many others

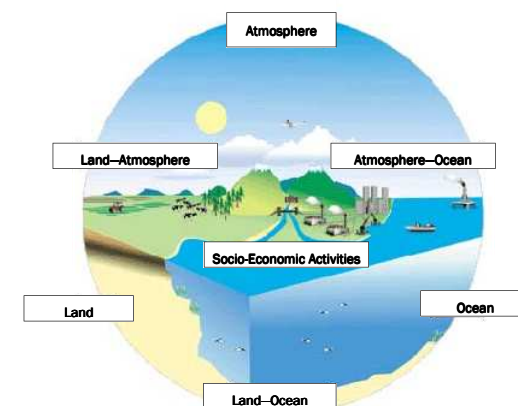


Lectures and discussion with prominent scientists

S340

Postgraduate International Course

Integrated Assessment of Global Environmental Change: Causes and Responses



9—16 November 2008



Integrated Assessment of Global Environmental Change

Many aspects of our planet are changing rapidly due to human activity. Over the last 50 years, humans have changed ecosystems faster and more extensively than in any other comparable period of time. All these changes, including climate change, land use change, pollution and biodiversity loss are strongly interrelated and cannot be seen in isolation. Because their impacts influence the entire planet, the combined changes are commonly recognized as global environmental change.

Objectives of the course:

- to study and understand the causes of global change and possible responses;
- to learn how to use scientific information in Integrated Assessments

The course is not only meant to discuss the latest scientific findings on global change issues, but also to train skills that are needed for making this knowledge available for policy making

This multidisciplinary course is especially intended for PhD students from the natural and social sciences.

Course set-up

The course will consist of lectures by prominent international scientists, model exercises and exercises in communicating and writing for Integrated Assessments. Besides the regular lectures, each day will end with a stimulating aperitif lecture, which will include controversial and philosophical topics.

Active discussion with the lecturers will be stimulated by asking participants to prepare propositions for each lecture. Interaction with lecturers and fellow participants will be further stimulated by poster presentations. Finally, a small group assignment will encourage discussion the lectures, guided by topical questions.



Program

The final program is still under development. In due course, a detailed program of the course will be available through the SENSE website: <http://www.sense.nl/courses/course/S340>

Location

The summer course will be held at a central location in the Netherlands.

Application

The course is primarily intended for PhD student, and is limited to 30 participants. However, motivated post-docs and other researchers are also encouraged to apply.

You can **send your application** to the SENSE Education Desk (educationdesk@sense.nl) **before 1 September 2008**, including:

- Your Name
- Name and address of research group
- Status: PhD student/ postdoc/ other
- If applicable: graduate school name
- a short motivation letter
- CV

After a selection procedure, you will be notified about participation by late September 2008. You can also register online <http://www.sense.nl/courses/course/S340>.

Fee

The course fee is € 500, except for PhD students from SENSE, PE&RC and Mansholt with an approved Education Plan (TSP), for whom the fee is € 350. For a few participants from developing countries the fee may be waived. Fee includes B&B, coffee, tea, lunches, dinners and course materials.

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