

**University of Vienna
School of Law****Summer Semester 2021****Course Title: Sustainability and Human Rights****Instructor: Univ.-Prof. Dr. Makane Moïse Mbengue****Purpose and summary of the course**

The achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) has become the main objective of the international community. Sustainable development (or Sustainability) aims at operating a balance between economic development, social development and environmental protection. The international law of sustainable development has derived mainly from the development of international environmental law. The objective of this course will be to explore the origins of sustainable development concerns and to highlight the legal contours and pillars of sustainability at the international level. The course will also emphasize the human rights dimensions of sustainability and the new challenges that the latter is posing, in particular in the context of the fight against global warming and

Theoretical approach and method

The approach will be based on the analysis of primary sources and case-law. The idea is to encourage the participants to the course to develop a critical assessment of the international legal discourse on sustainability.

1-The Sources of International Environmental Law**2- The Emergence of Environmental Issues at the International Level****3- From Stockholm to Rio: Initial Approaches to the Protection of the Environment at the International Level****4- Rio and the Birth of Sustainable Development: The Rio Principles****5- The Sustainable Development Principle?****6- The Prevention Principle in an Era of Sustainability****7- The Precautionary Principle in an Era of Sustainability****8- Human Rights, the Environment and Sustainability****9- Climate Change, Sustainable Development and International Law****10-The Environment and the International Economic System**