GEOG 466: Legal Protections for Natural Areas

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This course was developed out of collaboration with the Environmental Law Centre of the International Union for Conservation of Nature, located in Bonn. The course will be offered online.

Regarding the EU, the analysis of environmental policies and laws includes the EU’s Habitats Directive and Birds Directive, leading to the Natura 2000 network of protected natural areas; review of challenges, litigation, sanctions and other EU actions involving a marine protected area in Greece; case study of a community conserved area in Italy; interview with a senior policy officer at the UK’s National Trust; and study of proposals for additional national parks in Scotland.

We will also study international treaties and national laws around the world.