

# FW 891 Conservation and the Economy | Spring 2021

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Mondays & Wednesdays

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Markets play a defining role in shaping how society uses the world's natural resources. Understanding how markets influence human behavior and environmental outcomes is key for crafting effective policy and management approaches. This course provides the theoretical tools to support this understanding, addressing questions such as:

- **Are markets a driver of environmental degradation or a tool for sustainability?**
- **Are markets shaped by the 'invisible hand' or can they be designed to meet societal priorities?**
- **How can we measure, study, and assess markets and their effects on the environment?**

**Course description** (from the Registrar's website): Political ecology, discourse, and political economy of interactions between economy and environment. Theoretical perspectives on environmental degradation, neoliberal environmental governance, globalization, and diverse economies.