Online certificate course for graduate students and sustainability managers on Business, Mining and Sustainability – Environment Social Governance (ESG) in the Mining Sector in India and Comparative Perspectives

SOAS University of London and National Law University, Delhi (NLUD), with the support of Exeter University and Jindal South West (JSW) are offering a two week online certificate course on Mining, Business and Sustainability – Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) from **8th March to 19th March 2027**

I. About the course:

The Short Course on Business, Mining and Sustainability – Environment Social Governance (ESG) in the Mining Sector in India and Comparative Perspectives builds on the dire need of an interaction between environment law and industry practices. It envisages an answer to the complexities emerging from corporate practices and responsibility towards the society, while respecting the contours of environment and corporate law.

It is developed jointly by NLUD and SOAS, with the support of industry and academic partners in India and the UK. This course will be an online certificate course for graduate students and sustainability managers. It also aims to foster transnational education, build joint faculty capacity and ensure best practices, building on expertise from both countries and project partners.

II. Details of the course:

The two-week course is tentatively divided as follows:

Day 1: Background and Evolution: Introducing the Tripartite Framework of 'E', 'S' and 'G'

Day 2: Environmental Regulatory Dimensions: Framework for Corporate Actions and Reporting

Day 3: Social and Environmental Justice, Inter-Generational Equity, Inequality (Gender, Caste and Indigenous Peoples)

Day 4: ESG, Private Corporations and the State: Between voluntary mechanisms and accountability

Day 5: ESG at the international level

Day 6: ESG in India: Regulatory instruments, implementation and beyond

Day 7: ESG in the UK: Mandatory ESG, implementation and beyond

Day 8: ESG in Mining: Perspectives from India and the UK

Day 9: Comparative perspectives: ESG in Canada and South Africa, with a focus on mining

Day 10: Voluntary jurisdiction and the limits of self-regulation frameworks

III. Application Eligibility:

Considering the amalgamation of country specific laws on environment, international environment law and ESG as an integral corporate practice; intensive readings; and engaging exercises, the enrolment will be limited and highly selective. We welcome applications from the following eligible candidates:

i. Candidates with an undergraduate degree in any field (law, environmental science, development studies, political science, economics, or any other discipline) from a recognised university (for Indian students, with a minimum of 55% marks, in the UK, a 2:1 or equivalent elsewhere).
ii. Working professionals with work experience related to sustainability

There is no restriction regarding age, nationality, and gender in the admission process.

IV. Attendance, Assessment and Certificate:

The course will last two weeks. It will be offered online and will include an average of 3 to 4 hours of contact hours per day. A minimum of 80% attendance and timely completion of assessments is mandatory for enrolled students to receive the certificate.

V. Application Procedure:

Candidates interested in applying for this certificate course should formally apply through this link:

The application should contain the following documents/attachments:

i. Curriculum vitae (maximum 3 pages).
ii. Motivation letter (max 400 words) indicating why you are applying and how this course would be helpful for you in the future. Preference will be given to those with a demonstrated interest in the subject matter.

The selection committee shall consider the resume, motivation letter, and academic and professional background in shortlisting the candidates. The committee shall also consider the diversity of experiences during the selection process. The shortlisted candidates will be contacted by 15th February, 2027. Incomplete applications and late applications will be rejected.

VI. Last date for application:

The last date to apply is 03rd January 2027 (11.30 pm IST/ 6 pm UTC). Applications received after this date and time will not be accepted.

VII. Seats available:

The certificate course shall have an intake of 30 participants. SOAS and NLUD students are particularly encouraged to apply.

VIII. Course Fees:

The course is free.

IX. Additional Notes:

i. The course will be conducted online.
ii. The application process is online, and no applications sent by post will be accepted.
iii. Due to the limited number of seats, scrutiny of applications shall be based on resumes and motivation letters.
iv. Only selected candidates will be contacted via e-mail. If you do not hear from us by 25th February 2027, please assume that your application has **not** succeeded. Unfortunately, we cannot reply to individual queries about the status of applications.
v. At the end of the course, digital certificates will be provided to participants who will have attended the entire course and done the required assessment

X. Contact us:

For queries/questions regarding this course, contact esgonlinecourse.2027@gmail.com