

**Publication series for  
recent research on environmental policy  
Online Journal for Environmental Policy  
Studies (OJEPS)**

## **Background**

The publication series is an initiative of the Environmental Policy and Global Change Section in the German Association for Political Science (DVPW). Peer reviewed papers of the series will be online available on the website of the working group [www.environmental-policy.de](http://www.environmental-policy.de). The anonymous peer review is conducted by authors who published in the series. The authors retain the copyright of their papers. Hence parallel submissions or later publications of articles first published in OJEPS in traditional print journals or edited volumes is not in contrast with the editorial policy. The members of the board of the Environmental Policy and Global Change Section with Klaus Jacob, Frank Biermann, Per-Olof Busch und Peter H. Feindt are the editors of the series.

## **Objectives**

OJEPS pursues two basic objectives:

1. To distribute as simply and quickly as possible results of current research on environmental policy.
2. To clarify the contributions of contemporary research on environmental policy to political science in general and/or to its sub-disciplines, namely international relations, comparative political science, political theory, political economics, public administration, law and theories of decision making.

## **Contributions**

Scholarly contributions from political scientists and neighbouring disciplines are welcome. The papers shall

1. present and discuss innovative results from recent research on environmental policy that are relevant for political science and/ or its sub-disciplines;

2. have a clear and convincing relation to political science in general and/ or its sub-disciplines; and
3. present and discuss results against the background of their implications for political science.

## **Procedures**

Contributions can be submitted at any time via Email to the editors.

Each article will be reviewed by two anonymous referees (double-blind system). The review is based on the afore mentioned criteria.

Each author who publishes in the series agrees on acting as a referee for at least two other papers submitted to the journal.

## **Publication**

The papers will be published online as soon as they are accepted and—if applicable—were revised according to the referees' recommendations. It is the goal of the editors to reduce the time period between submission and publication to a maximum of six weeks. The publication will be advertised in Email lists.

Common standards of printed journals have to be fulfilled. Papers have to be formatted according the OJEPS style guide and formatting rules. Contributions should not exceed 8,000 words.

The authors retain the copyright. Papers can be submitted and published as working papers in other series, printed journals or edited volumes. However, the authors must agree in written form to inform the editors about the transfer of copyrights to other publishers in case the publication in OJEPS is affected.

## **Language**

Contributions may be submitted in German or in English. In order to enhance the papers' international visibility the editors recommend submissions in English. However, the chosen language is not a criterion for acceptance or rejection of the paper.