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Evidence-based Policymaking



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Longstanding calls for a “new social contract for science” demand that environmental scientists help meet societal needs by providing information to address global problems such as biodiversity conservation and climate change. But scientists’ generation of what they perceive to be useful research doesn’t necessarily equate to its usability in policy decisions.

Through readings, guest lectures, and a variety of hands-on assignments, this course will explore the meaning of “evidence-based policymaking,” the benefits—and limitations—of using science in decision-making, and ways that individuals and organizations can build capacity, whether within research or policymaking institutions.



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