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**University of Wyoming – National Park Service
2015 Harlow Summer Seminars at the AMK Ranch**

THURSDAY, August 6TH 2015, 5:30pm

***“On Leaders and Laggards in Environmental Governance
and Management:
The Case Study of the European Union”***

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Conventional wisdom has it that Western industrialized democracies are leaders in protecting and managing the environment. Developing countries and emerging economies, by contrast, lag behind. The talk uses the case of the European Union to challenge this view. Börzel argues that the richer member states have tailored European environmental laws to their economic interests and environmental problems. The poorer countries in Southern and Eastern Europe face the challenge of implementing laws that disadvantage their economies in the Single European Market, strain their limited administrative capacities and do not address their most pressing environmental problems either. I will conclude by discussing to what extent the politics of environmental leaders and laggards also apply at the global level. At the conclusion we can discuss how Europe’s model fits with environmental trends in the United States.



Barbecue at 5:30 with hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, chips, salads and dessert for a \$5 donation. The talk starts at 6:30 in the historic Berol Lodge at the AMK Ranch. Turn right when entering Leek’s Marina parking lot in Grand Teton National Park. Reservations not required.