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Abstract

Against the background of fundamental differences between basic principles of German national administrative law on the one hand and current and emerging tendencies of European Environmental law on the other hand, this thesis aims at the development and further concretization of a policy approach to Environmental law that is able to accommodate the challenges of both substantive environmental problems and the characteristics of the European ‘multilevel’ polity.

A network concept will be proposed that is characterized by the incorporation of learning capabilities into a procedural approach that allows for the participation of different public and private actors. It will be argued that such a network concept is specifically suited for the European ‘multilevel polity’.
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