

**INTERNATIONAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS  
PO739  
SPRING 1999 SYLLABUS**

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**Course Description:** This is a research seminar in international environmental politics. Under this rubric fall a wide array of direct and indirect transboundary interactions and relations affecting the environment. The readings have been organized along major theoretical themes--there is no effort to make this a comprehensive review seminar. Moreover, substantive areas are dealt with only as they illuminate theoretical propositions. Lecturing will be limited to some guiding comments. Collective discourse is central to this seminar.

**Goals:** The first goal of the seminar is the production of a paper with long term utility, i.e., conference presentation and publication and/or dissertation proposal or chapter. The papers will be prepared and discussed in class during the last part of the semester. A second goal is the critical examination of the assigned readings with an eye to their individual and collective methodological and theoretical claims. A third goal of the seminar is to engage in critical discourse and mutual assistance.

**Research Paper:** This should be an original research paper of about 20-25 pages (including references and in-text tables and figures, but not appendices). The subject of the paper should reflect your own interests and feasibility. All topics must meet with the approval of the instructor. The paper process has a number of steps. The first step is a 1-2 page research proposal, including a few key references. The second step is a 5-6 page research design, accompanied by an adequate, annotated bibliography. The research designs will be presented and discussed in class. The penultimate drafts of the paper will also be presented and discussed in class. The precise logistics and the pace of the process will depend on the number of seminar participants and on the status of their research interests. The paper, and all intermediate work must be double spaced, have one inch margins and should use a consistent style (see Kate Turabian's Manual of Style.)

**Preparation and Participation:** Class participation is an important component of any seminar. This involves familiarity with the readings and willingness to express your own personal views on the subject at hand. Participation will be measured in quality and in willingness to engage other people's opinions. All of us must read all the assigned readings and each one should be able to facilitate the discussion in any of these readings. Each week we should be able to deal with the following questions. Since there are usually a variety of readings you should aim at identifying the major commonalities and differences.

1. What is the subject matter of the readings?
2. What are the arguments (hypotheses, research questions) of the readings?

3. What is the method (research design and strategy) of the readings? Is the method appropriate? Is it well used?
4. What type of evidence is used? How appropriate and adequate is the evidence?
5. What are the findings? Are they defensible in light of method and evidence?
6. What are the political assumptions or preferences undergirding the particular research?
7. In what ways could the research be improved (given its intellectual and political priorities?)
8. In what ways do these readings converge, differ or complement each other or other relevant material you are familiar with?

**Precis and Facilitation of Sessions:** Each participant will be asked to prepare a weekly precis of not more than 500 words, addressing the above questions. The precis will normally deal with selected readings each week. The precis are due by 2:00 pm on Wednesdays and must be distributed to every one. Every participant should be ready to comment on the assigned readings.

### **Performance and Evaluation:**

Research Paper: 45% (quality of paper)

Proposal and Design: 20% (particularly design)

Precis: 15%

Participation: 20% (preparedness to discuss the assigned readings and each other's work; presentation of design and paper; timeliness in completing assignments).

## **SCHEDULE**

Jan 20 *Seminar Logistics and Goals. Participants' interests and goals.*

Jan 27 *Historical Contexts*

McCormick, John. 1995. The Global Environmental Movement. 2nd edition. John Wiley and Sons. (with instructor)

Dimitris Stevis and Clifton Wilson. 1995. The Institutionalization of International Environmental Policy: International Environmental Law and International Organizations. Pp. 121-138 in Robert Bartlett, Priya Kurian and Madhu Malik (eds). International Organizations and Environmental Policy. Greenwood Press.

Recommended:

Alker, Hayward, Jr. and Peter Haas. 1993. The Rise of Global Ecopolitics. In Nazli Choucri (ed) Global Accords. The MIT Press. Pp. 133-171.

Feb 3 *International Relations Meets the Environment I*

O'Neill, Kate. 1996. Over the River and Through the Woods: International Relations Theory Confronts the Environment. ms

Young, Oran. 1994. The "New Institutionalism" in International Relation; International

Environmental Governance. Pp. 1-32 (Introduction and ch 1) in his International Governance: Protecting the Environment in a Stateless Society. Cornell University Press.

Hurrell, Andrew. International Political Theory and the Global Environment. Pp. 129-153 in Ken Booth and Steve Smith (eds) International Relations Theory Today. The Pennsylvania State University Press.

Conca, Ken. 1994. Environmental Change and the Deep Structure of World Politics. In Ronnie Lipschutz and Ken Conca (eds) The State and Social Power in Global Environmental Politics. Columbia University Press. Pp. 306-326.

Assetto, Valerie and Dimitris Stevis. 1998. The Political Economy of the International Environment. ms.

Laferriere, Eric 1999. IPE and the Environment: A Radical Ecological Perspective. ms

Irwin, Rosalind. 1999. Environmental Economism and Global Problem Posing processes. ms

Recommended

Laferriere, Eric. 1996. Emancipating International Relations Theory: An Ecological Perspective. *Millennium* 25, 1: 53-75.

Mitchell, Ronald and Thomas Bernauer. 1998. Empirical Research on International Environmental Policy: Designing Qualitative Case Studies. *Journal of Environment and Development* 7, 1 : 4-31.

Feb 10 *The Political Economy of Environmental Politics: States, Firms, and Others*

Audley, John. 1997. Green Politics and Global Trade: NAFTA and the Future of Environmental Politics. Georgetown University Press.

Levy, David and Daniel Egan. 1998. Capital Contests: National and Transnational Channels of Corporate Influence on the Climate Change Negotiations. *Politics and Society* 26, 3 : 337-361.

Newell, Peter. 1999. Environmental NGOs, TNCs, and the Question of Governance. ms

Mello, Valerie de Campos. 1999. Global Change and the Political Economy of Environmental Reform in Brazil. ms

Recommended:

Vogel, David. 1995. Trading Up: Consumer and Environmental Protection in a Global Political Economy. Harvard University Press. (Chs 2&5 at will).

Newell, Peter and Matthew Paterson. 1998. A Climate for Business: Global Warming, the State and Capital. *Review of International Political Economy* 5, 4 : 679-703.

Gleckman, Harris. 1995. Transnational Corporations' Strategic Responses to 'Sustainable Development'. *Green Globe Yearbook 1995*. Oxford University Press. Pp. 93-106.

Feb 17 *Work on Proposal*

Individual meetings during week of 10th

Feb 22(M) *Proposal Due*

Feb 24 *Policy Formation: Challenging or Reproducing Orthodoxy?*

Wapner, Paul. 1996. Environmental Activism and World Politics. SUNY Press.

Clark, Ann Marie, Elisabeth J. Friedman and Kathryn Hochstetler. 1998. The Sovereign Limits of Global Civil Society: ...." *World Politics* 51, 1 : 1-35.

Luke, Timothy. 1997. The World Wildlife Fund: Ecocolonialism as Funding the Worldwide "Wise Use" of Nature. *Capitalism, Nature, Socialism* 8,2 (June) :31-61.

Nelson, Paul. 1996. Internationalising Economic and Environmental Policy: Transnational NGO Networks and the World Bank's Expanding Influence. *Millennium* 25, 3 : 605-633.

Recommended:

Princen, Thomas. 1994. NGOs: Creating a Niche in Environmental Diplomacy. Pp. 29-47 in Thomas Princen and Matthias Finger (eds) Environmental NGOs in World Politics. Routledge.

Morphet, Sally. 1996. NGOs and the Environment. Pp. 116-146 in Peter Willetts (ed) "The Conscience of the World: The Influence of Non-Governmental Organizations in the U.N. System." The Brookings Institution.

Luke, Timothy. 1997. Nature Protection or Nature Projection: A Cultural Critique of the Sierra Club. *Capitalism, Nature, Socialism* 8, 1 (March): 37-63.

Mar 3 *Policy Formation: Science, Power and Environmental Policy*

Taylor, Peter J. and Frederick H. Buttel. 1992. How do we Know we have Global Environmental Problems? Science and the Globalization of Environmental Discourse. *Geoforum* 23, 3 : 405-416.

Haas, Peter (1991) Introduction: Epistemic Communities and International Policy Coordination. *International Organization* 46, 1 (Winter) : 1-35.

Litfin, Karen. 1995. Ozone Discourses. Columbia University Press.

Goldman, Michael. 1997. "Customs in common": The Epistemic World of the Commons Scholars. *Theory and Society* 26: 1-37

Recommended:

Haas, Peter (1989) Do Regimes Matter: Epistemic Communities and Mediterranean Pollution Control. *International Organization* 44, 3 (summer), 377-403.

March 15 *Research Designs Due*

March 17 *Research Designs presented and discussed in class*

March 22 *Written Comments on Research Designs Due*

March 24 *Institutional and Environmental Effectiveness*

Young, Oran. 1994. The Effectiveness of International Governance Systems. In his International Governance: Protecting the Environment in a Stateless Society. Cornell U. Press. Pp. 140-160.

Bernaer, Thomas. 1995. The Effect of International Environmental Institutions: How We Might Learn More. *International Organization* 49, 2 (Spring) : 351-377.

Kutting, Gabriella. 1998. Assessing the Effectiveness of International Environmental Agreements: New Dimensions of Analysis. Ms.

Jacobson, Harold and Edith Brown Weiss. 1998. A Framework for Analysis. Ch 1 in Edith Brown Weiss and Harold Jacobson (eds) Engaging Countries: Strengthening Compliance with International Environmental Accords. The MIT Press.

Chayes, Abram, Antonia Handler Chayes, and Ronald Mitchell. 1998. Managing Compliance: A Comparative Perspective. Ch 2 in Edith Brown Weiss and Harold Jacobson (eds) Engaging Countries: Strengthening Compliance with International Environmental Accords. The MIT Press.

Jasannof, Sheila. 1998. Contingent Knowledge: Implications for Implementation and Compliance. Ch 4 in Edith Brown Weiss and Harold Jacobson (eds) Engaging Countries: Strengthening Compliance with International Environmental Accords. The MIT Press.

Scapple, Karin. 1998. Is Consensus Necessary for Effective Environmental Treaties? *Journal of Environment and Development* 7, 4: 364-386.

Recommended:

Andresen, Steinar and Jorgen Wettestad. 1995. International Problem Solving Effectiveness: The Oslo Project Story So Far. *International Environmental Affairs* 7, 2 (Spring) :127-149.

Underdal, Arild. 1992. The Concept of Regime 'Effectiveness.' *Cooperation and Conflict* 27,3 : 227-240.

March 31 *Inclusion and Justice*

Shue, Henry. 1996. Environmental Change and the Varieties of Justice. Ch 1 in Fen Osler Hampson and Judith Reppy (eds) Earthly Goods: Environmental Change and Social Justice. Cornell University Press.

Kymlicka, Will. 1996. Concepts of Community and Social Justice. Ch 2 in Fen Osler Hampson and Judith Reppy (eds) Earthly Goods: Environmental Change and Social Justice. Cornell University Press.

Reus-Smit, Christian. 1996. The Normative Structure of International Society. Ch 5 in Fen Osler Hampson and Judith Reppy (eds) Earthly Goods: Environmental Change and Social Justice. Cornell University Press.

Jasanoff, Sheila. 1996. Science and Norms in Global Environmental Regimes. Ch 8 in Fen Osler Hampson and Judith Reppy (eds) *Earthly Goods: Environmental Change and Social Justice*. Cornell University Press.

Bretherton, Charlotte. 1998. Global Environmental Politics: Putting Gender on the Agenda. *Review of International Studies* 24 : 85-100.

Wapner, Paul. 1997. Environmental Ethics and Global Governance: Engaging the International Liberal Tradition. *Global Governance* 3 : 213-231.

Clapp, Jennifer. 1998. The Privatization of Global Environmental Governance: ISO 14000 and the Developing World. *Global Governance*, 4, 3 : 295-316.

April 7 *Measuring and Evaluating Environmental Practices: Economy and Environment*

Andersson, Thomas, Carl Folke and Stefan Nystrom. 1995. Trading With the Environment: Ecology, Economics and Policy. Earthscan.

Thompson, Peter and Laura A. Strohm. 1996. Trade and Environmental Quality: A Review of the Evidence. *Journal of Environment and Development* 5, 4 (December) : 363-388.

Eckersley, Robyn. 1995. Introduction; Markets, the State and the Environment: An Overview. Pp. 1-4 and 7-45 in Robyn Eckersley (ed). Markets, the State and the Environment: Towards Integration. Macmillan Education.

Jacobs, Michael. 1995. Sustainability and 'the Market': A Typology of Environmental Economics. Pp. 46-70 in Robyn Eckersley (ed). Markets, the State and the Environment: Towards Integration. Macmillan Education.

Moran, Alan. 1995. Tools of Environmental Policy: Market Instruments versus Command-and-control. Pp. 73-85 in Robyn Eckersley (ed). Markets, the State and the Environment: Towards Integration. Macmillan Education.

Kinrade, Peter. 1995. Towards Ecologically Sustainable Development: The Role and Shortcomings of Markets. Pp. 86-109 in Robyn Eckersley (ed). Markets, the State and the Environment: Towards Integration. Macmillan Education.

April 14 *Measuring and Evaluating Environmental Policies: Whose Health?*

Dobson, Andrew. 1996. Environment Sustainabilities. An Analysis and a Typology. *Environmental Politics* 5, 3 (Autumn): 401-428.

Munasinghe, Mohan and Walter Shearer. 1995. Introduction to the Definition and Measurement of Biogeophysical Sustainability. Pp. xvii-xxxiii in Munasinghe and Shearer (eds) Defining and Measuring Sustainability: the Biogeophysical Foundations. Distributed

for the United Nations University by the World Bank.

Munasinghe, Mohan and Jeffrey McNeely. 1995. Key Concepts and Terminology of Sustainable Development. Pp. 19-56 in Munasinghe and Shearer (eds) Defining and Measuring Sustainability: the Biogeophysical Foundations. Distributed for the United Nations University by the World Bank.

Dauvergne, Peter. 1998. A Model of Sustainable International Trade in Timber. *International Environmental Affairs* 9, 1 : 3-21.

The World Resources Institute. 1998. Part 1 in 1998-1999 World Resources: A Guide to the Global Environment: Environmental Changes and Human Health. Oxford University Press.  
Do skim the rest.

April 15- *Research*

May 3

May 3 *Draft Papers Due*

May 5 *Presentation of papers*

May 7 *Written Comments on Papers Due*

May 14 *Final Papers Due*