ESM238 / Winter Quarter 2014

CLIMATE CHANGE AGREEMENTS AND POLITICS

Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 – 3.15, Bren 1520

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Draft Syllabus
Look for an updated syllabus by week 3!

Course description: This seminar will provide students with a basic introduction to international climate negotiations, agreements, institutional architecture and political and economic forces shaping outcomes. We will combine an international relations approach with a comparative politics approach to help understand different countries’ approaches to energy and climate policy formulation and participation in the negotiating process. The role of sub-national, non-governmental and private sector actors will also be considered.

Course requirements: The grades will be based on
(1) attendance and participation in discussions on reading assignments (10%),
(2) presentation and term paper on a specific country (10% / 30%), see separate handout
(3) three essays (10%, 20%, 10%)
(4) final policy analysis on key issues discussed in class (10%)

Reading material listed here is posted on Gauchospace www.gauchospace.ucsb.edu. I will post additional relevant and interesting material as I come across it.

Syllabus and presentation schedule

Week 1:
Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014: Introduction
Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014: Introduction and historic context
Reading: World Bank/Potsdam Institute: Turn down the heat, Executive Summary, viii - ; Dyer, Scenario One, The Geopolitics of Climate Change; McKibbin, Terrifying Math; Hansen, Is there still time?

Week 2:
Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014: International Relations theory
Thursday, Jan. 16, 2014: International institutions / FIRST READING ESSAY DUE
Reading: Sterk et al., Warsaw Groundhog Days. Old Friends, Positions and Impasses Revisited All Over Again at the 2013 Warsaw Climate Conference; Clémenton, Rethinking Global Climate Negotiations.
Recommended: Oye, Conditions for Cooperation in World Politics; Abdelal, Blyth, and Parsons, Constructing the International Economy; Wapner, Greenpeace and Political Globalism; Wendt, Anarchy is what states make of it; Mitchell, Regime effectiveness.

Week 3:
Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014: Learning from MEAs
Thursday, Jan. 23, 2014: Sustainable Development and Political Economy
Reading: GEF, Impact of GEF; Thomas, Governance bank.
**Week 4:**
**Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2014:** Climate negotiations  
**Reading:** Ackerman, Cost-benefit; Stern, Economics of Climate Change; IEA, Energy and CO2 outlook.

**Thursday, Jan. 30, 2014:** Climate negotiations / UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol  
**Reading:** Sinden, Abandonment of justice; Sovacool and Dworkin, Global Injustice of Energy Poverty.

**Week 5:**
**Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014:** Climate negotiations / Copenhagen and forward  
**Reading:** Terhalle and Depledge, Great-power politics, order transition, and climate governance: insights from international relations theory.

**Thursday, Feb. 6, 2014:** EU climate politics and emissions trading  
**Reading:** McLean and Stone, EU and the politics of Kyoto Protocol ratification; EEA, Tracking progress towards Europe’s climate and energy targets until 2020; Grubb, Lessons from the EU ETS.

**Week 6:**
**Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014:** Emissions trading, CDM, REDD+  

**Thursday, Feb. 13, 2014:** US energy and climate policy / SECOND READING ESSAY DUE  
**Reading:** Oreskes and Conway, Denial of Global Warming; Nye, Path Insistence.

**Week 7:**
**Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014:** US climate policy  
**Reading:** Sevasti-Eleni, Climate and energy policy in the United States; Pooley, Waxman-Markey bill.

**Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014:** energy and climate policy lessons  
**Reading:** Hurrell and Sengupta, Emerging Powers, North-South relations and global climate politics; Srivastava et al.. Right to Sustainable Development. An Ethical Approach to Climate Change.

**Week 8:**
**Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014:** Student Presentations  
**Reading:** Hallding, et al., Rising powers: the evolving role of BASIC countries, 608-631;

**Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014:** Student Presentations  
**Reading:** Dubash, Climate Change in India.

**Week 9:**
**Tuesday, March 4, 2014:** Student Presentations  
**Reading:** Betzold, Castro and Weiler, AOSIS in the UNFCCC.

**Thursday, March 6, 2014:** Regional and Subnational actors / Student Presentations  
**Reading:** Droegge, Using border measures to address carbon flows; Voituriez and Wang, Border measures: a Chinese perspective.

**Week 10:**
**Tuesday, March 11, 2014:** Regional and Subnational actors  
**Reading:** Mazmanian, California adaption paradox; Marcacci, California cap and trade expanding trading.

**Thursday, March 13, 2014:** the Future of Climate Politics – SHORT POLICY ANALYSIS DUE (300 to 600 words)

**Thursday, March 20, 2014:** FINAL PAPER DUE.
Bibliography:


Hallding, Karl, Marie Olsson, Aaron Atteridge, Antto Vihma, Marcus Carson, and Mikael Roman. Alone Together: BASIC countries and the climate change comundrum.


http://reneweco no my.co m.au/2013/california-cap-trade-expanding-2014-successful-2013


