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CLIMATE CHANGE AGREEMENTS AND POLITICS

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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; **Cléménçon,** 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+

Readings: **Paterson and Stripple**. Virtuous carbon; **Descheneau**, carbon money and its social meaning; **Luetken**, Is the CDM cost-effective? **CDM/UNFCCC**, Report of the High-Level Panel on the CDM Policy Dialogue. **McDermott, Levin, and Cashore**. REDD+ and the Logic of Problem Amelioration.

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: **Droege**, 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.**

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