

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS  
POL 4190 A  
GUY-SERGE CÔTÉ  
FALL 2016

**Schedule :** Wednesday 2:30 – 5:30  
**Classroom :** 200 Wilbroad  
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## **DESCRIPTION**

Theories and approaches in the study of global environmental politics. Inter-state collaboration and new practices of global governance with respect to the environment. Actors and material forces shaping the political responses to global environmental challenges. Case Studies and contemporary debates in global environmental politics.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the course are threefold :

To explore the effects of environmental changes on international politics

Discuss the impact of the environmental crisis on key concepts such as sovereignty, interdependence and international\world politics

To develop analytical skills and research skills on global environmental politics

## **EVALUATION**

Take home 25%

This will be designed to assess the breadth of your understanding of the themes discussed in the readings for the classes and in the class discussion. It will involve a choice of two questions among 4 essay questions. The question will be given in class on October 7. The take home exam should be handed in on October 21. (6-7 pages)

Take-home2 25% November 25, 2015

Final Research Paper                      40%

Research essay (25 pages, including notes and bibliography). The purpose of this is to develop your research skills and your capacity to sustain your own argument over a substantial duration, and to enable you to develop an in depth study on a topic of your choice. Projects can be theoretical or empirical in focus, while the best will combine the two, and students developing empirically focused topics need to be aware of the theoretical underpinnings of their work. Papers may be on any aspect of the course.

You are welcome to develop projects on issues or topics which are not specifically dealt with in the class, subject to my agreement.

Participation                                      10%

Attendance and participation to class discussions

If you need any help on writing a research paper, please refer to <http://www.sciencessociales.uottawa.ca/USB/cleusbkey.swf> , for practical advices.

## **PENALTIES**

Papers or take homes which are submitted late without a medical certificate, will be penalized 3% a day. Papers or take home submitted over a week late will not be accepted.

## **PLAGIARISM**

The University does not tolerate plagiarism. Information on what constitutes plagiarism is available at <http://www.uottawa.ca/plagiarism.pdf>. It is your responsibility to read this and understand how to avoid plagiarism.

## **COURSE TEXTS**

Texts will be available on blackboard

## **COURSE PLAN AND READINGS**

## **WEEK I**

**September 7, 2016**

Introduction

## **WEEK II**

**September 14, 2016**

**What is international/world ecological politics?  
(What is politics? What is international/world politics? What is  
ecological politics?)**

Overview of Global Environmental Politics: What is in place

### **Readings :**

Clapp, Jennifer and Peter Dauvergne. *Paths to a Green World. the Political Economy of the Global Environment.* Cambridge. MIT, 2005. Chapter 3, page 45-82.

Lipschutz, Ronnie D. *Global Environmental Politics. Power, Perspectives, and the Practice.* Washington, CQ Press, 2004, page 1-32.

Mol, Arthur P.J. *Globalization and the Environmental Reform. The Ecological Modernization of the Global Economy.* MIT Press, 2001, page 47-70.

## **WEEK III**

**September 21, 2016**

### **The Challenge of Sovereignty for international/world politics**

#### **Readings:**

Conca, Ken et Geoffrey D. Dabelko. Green Planet Blues. Westview Press, 2004, Chapter 6, page 61-82

Barry, John and Robyn Eckersley. The State and the Global Ecological Crisis. Cambridge, MIT Press, 2005, Chapter 8, page 159-180.

## **WEEK IV**

**September 28, 2016**

### **Cooperation and Regime Formation**

### **Challenges and Limits of International Environmental Cooperation**

#### **Readings:**

Broadhead, Lee-Anne. International Environmental Politics. The Limits of Green Diplomacy. London, Lynne Rhyner Publishers, 2002. Chapter 4, page 101-146.

Carter, Neil. The Politics of the Environment. Ideas, Activism, Policy. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2007. Chapter 9. pages 243-270.

Lifitin, Karen. EcoRegime: Playing Tug of War with Nation-State, in The State and Social Power in Global Environmental Politics. Ronnie D. Lipschultz et Ken Conca (ed), pp 94-117.

## **WEEK V**

**October 5, 2016**

### **Challenges from the *EMPIRE***

#### **Readings:**

Negri, Antonio et Michael Hardt. *Empire*. Paris, Exil Editeurs, 2000, Part 1

## **WEEK VI!**

**October 12, 2016**

### **Sovereignty, Territory, and Political Ecology**

#### **Readings:**

Kuehls, Thom. *Beyond Sovereign Territory*. University of Minnesota Press, 1996.  
Chapter 2, page 25-55.

## **WEEK VII**

**October 19, 2016**

### **International Networks**

#### **Readings:**

Latour, Bruno. *War of the Worlds: What about peace?* Chicago. Prickly Paradigm Press, 2002

## **WEEK VIII**

### **READING WEEK**

## **WEEK IX**

**November 2, 2016**

### **Alternatives to World Politics?**

#### **Readings:**

Walker, R.B.J. *After the Globe, Before the World*. London, Routledge. 2010, page 19-53.

Durant, Robert F and al. *Environmental Governance Reconsidered. Challenges, Choices, and Opportunities*. Cambridge. MIT Press, 2004. Chapter 2 pages 183-217.

Hardt, Michael and Antonio Negri. *Multitude*

## **WEEK X**

**November 9, 2016**

### **Cosmopolitanism**

#### **Readings:**

Beck, Ulrich. Chapter 2

Latour, Bruno. Whose Cosmos, which Cosmopolitics? Comments on the Peace Terms of Ulrich Beck. *Common Knowledge*, 103: 450-62.

## **WEEK XI**

**November 16, 2016**

### **Global Ecological Justice**

#### **Readings:**

Ehresman, Timothy and Dimitri Stevis. "International Environmental and Ecological Justice." In Gariela Kutting, *Global Environmental Politics. Concepts, Theories and Case Studies.* London, Routledge, 2011, page 87-104.

Garner, Robert. *Environmental Politics. The Age of Climate Change.* New York. Palgrave Macmillan, 2011, page 70-84.

## **WEEK XII**

**November 23, 2016**

### **The Case Study: Climate Change**

#### **Readings:**

Dower, Nigel. "Climate change and the cosmopolitan responsibility of individuals: policy vanguards" in Paul G. Harris. *Ethics and Global Environmental Policy*, Cheltenham, Edward Elgar, 2011, page 42-65.

Glover, Leigh. *Postmodern Climate Change* London, Routledge, 2006, Chapter 4

Machin, Amanda. *Negotiating Climate Change. Radical Democracy and the illusion of Consensus.* London. Zed Books, 2013, page 67-86.

Shove, Elizabeth. "Social Theory and Climate Change. Questions Often, Sometimes and Not Yet Asked" *Theory, Culture and Society*, 27(2-3), 277-288.

**WEEK XIII,**

**November 30, 2016**

**Conclusion**

**Readings:**

Paterson, Matthew. *Understanding Global Environmental Politics. Domination, Accumulation, Resistance*. London, Palgrave, 2001, page 141-161.