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INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW : Spring 2011

Mondays & Wednesdays 1:30-2:55
Room 100A

This three-credit seminar course examines selected topics within the field of international environmental law. The required casebook is David Hunter, James Salzman & Durwood Zaelke, *International Environmental Law & Policy* (4th edition 2011, Foundation Press). ISBN #: 9781599415383 [**The Publisher is a little late shipping the new edition so please be patient**]. The authors have placed a number of documents on the web at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/environment/IEL>

This three-credit seminar fulfills one of your writing requirements. You must write a thirty-page (including footnotes) paper. With my approval, you may write a paper on a wide range of international environmental issues. On Monday, March 7th, 2011, you must give me a half-page summary of your paper topic. On Monday March 14th or Wednesday March 16th, as I assign in class, you must meet with me and give me a two-page outline of your proposed paper topic. On Monday March 28th or Wednesday March 30th, you must meet with me to discuss your progress on the paper. During April, you must “teach” a class and make a presentation lasting approximately 40 minutes, which will count for 25% of your overall grade in the course. The paper will be due on the first day of examinations, 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2011. For good cause and if your presentation is acceptable, I may grant an extension until the second deferred examination day, noon, on Thursday, May 12th, 2011. All papers must be delivered to me or the Registrar's Office.

I reserve the right to take class attendance, preparation, and performance into account in assigning a final grade. I reserve the right to fail any student who has unexcused absences. You may not record or tape my class without my permission. My office hours (Room 425) are as follows: Mondays: 2:55-3:55 and Wednesdays 2:55-3:55. I am available at other times, but please make an appointment.

First Class, Wednesday, January 19, 2011: Introduction to International Environmental Law. 1-60;

Week Two Monday January 24th, Root Causes & Economics 61-134; January 26th, History of International Environmental Law, 135-189

Week Three, January 31st International Organizations and Law 190-268 and February 2nd: International Environmental Lawmaking 269-360

Week Four, February 7th Making International Environmental Law Work 361-433 February 9th Principles and Concepts of International Environmental Law 434-503

Week Five, February 14th Transboundary Air Pollution 504-31 & Ozone Destruction 532-605; February 16th, Climate Change 606-72

Week Six, February 21st International Response to Climate Change 673-740; February 23rd, International Trade, GATT & WTO 1191-1268

Week Seven, Monday February 28th NAFTA 1269-1306; March 2nd Human Rights & Environment 1307-78

Week Eight, Monday March 7th You must hand in half-page summary of your paper topic. Makeup Session if behind schedule, Additional topics time permitting; March 9th: Library Resources Session with Library Staff

Week Nine March 14 and 16th, Class Meetings on your 2-page outline

Spring Break March 21-25

March 28th & 30th, Class meetings on your progress with paper.

Paper Presentations April 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27. Only 2 students may make a presentation on any class day.

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Note: The information contained in this syllabus is subject to change, and you are responsible for all revisions announced in class. The course outline is tentative and topics will be covered as time permits.