

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE

Sample Syllabus

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1 Course Description

This course examines the politics of global environmental governance. Environmental governance is defined as the actions, rules, and norms that attempt to address the problems of resource scarcity in nature. You will learn key social scientific theories to analyze how we might reconcile divergent interests concerning the environment. This course stands on the premise that global environmental governance is not limited to interstate dynamics but it is tied to domestic and transnational political processes. It highlights a wide variety of actors and approaches in environmental governance so that you will be able to analyze real-world, environmental problems from multiple angles.

2 Assessment

2.1 Schedule and Weighting

Assignment #1	30%	Week 5
Assignment #2	30%	Week 8
Assignment #3	30%	Week 12
Participation	10%	Every Week

Extension

You must notify me *prior to* the deadline to avoid late penalties for each assignment. You may take a combined maximum of 7 days of undocumented extension. If you require more than 7 days, documentation may be required.

2.2 Participation

The participation component of your grade is based on the quality of your contribution to in-class discussions. Participation is more than just attendance. You are expected to listen actively, express your thoughts verbally, and raise questions with some regularity.

Absence

You may take absence from class with valid reasons. You must notify me *prior to* the class in order to avoid penalties on your participation grade. Documentation is not required for your first absence but it is required thereafter. Please do not come to class if you are sick.

2.3 Academic Integrity

In this course, students who cheat will be penalized based on the University's code of ethics in academic research. Please consult the Writing Center if you have any question about plagiarism.

3 Class Schedule

3.1 Week 1: Introduction

Required readings

This syllabus.

Recommended readings

Briggs, Helen. "Other mammals lose out in panda conservation drive." *BBC News* (2020, August 3). <https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-53616593>

3.2 Week 2: Research Agenda

Required readings

Dauvergne, Peter, and Jennifer Clapp. "Researching global environmental politics in the 21st century." *Global Environmental Politics* 16.1 (2016): 1–12.

Hale, Thomas. "Transnational actors and transnational governance in global environmental politics." *Annual Review of Political Science* 23.1 (2020): 203–20.

Park, Susan. "Transnational Environmental Activism." In *The Handbook of Global Climate and Environment Policy*, ed. Robert Falkner, 2013, pp. 268–285.

Recommended readings

Green, Jessica F., and Thomas N. Hale. "Reversing the marginalization of global environmental politics in international relations: An opportunity for the discipline." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 50.2 (2017): 473–479.

Burke, Anthony, Stefanie Fishel, Audra Mitchell, Simon Dalby, and Daniel J. Levine. "Planet politics: A manifesto from the end of IR." *Millennium* 44.3 (2016): 499–523.

Theoretical Foundations

3.3 Week 3: Common Pooled Resources

Required readings

Ostrom, Elinor. *Governing the commons: The evolution of institutions for collective action*. Cambridge University Press, 1990. Chapters 2 and 3 (pp. 29–101).

Agrawal, Arun. "Sustainable governance of common-pool resources: context, methods, and politics." *Annual Review of Anthropology* 32 (2003): 243–262

Recommended readings

Hardin, Garrett. "The Tragedy of the Commons." *Science* 162.3859 (1968): 1243–1248.

Williamson, Oliver E. "Markets and hierarchies: Some elementary considerations." *The American Economic Review* 63.2 (1973): 316–325.

Olson, Mancur. "Dictatorship, democracy, and development." *American Political Science Review* (1993): 567–576.

North, Douglass C., and Barry R. Weingast. "Constitutions and commitment: The evolution of institutions governing public choice in seventeenth-century England." *The Journal of Economic History* 49.4 (1989): 803–832.

Ostrom, Elinor, Joanna Burger, Christopher B. Field, Richard B. Norgaard, and David Policansk. "Revisiting the commons: local lessons, global challenges." *Science* 284.5412 (1999): 278–282.

Ostrom, Elinor. "Polycentric systems for coping with collective action and global environmental change." *Global Environmental Change* 20.4 (2010): 550–557.

Bernstein, Steven, and Benjamin Cashore. "Complex global governance and domestic policies: four pathways of influence." *International Affairs* 88.3 (2012): 585–604.

3.4 Week 4: International Institutions

3.4.1 Required readings

Raustiala, Kal, and David G. Victor. "The regime complex for plant genetic resources." *International Organization* (2004): 277–309.

Gehring, Thomas, and Eva Ruffing. "When arguments prevail over power: the CITES procedure for the listing of endangered species." *Global Environmental Politics* 8.2 (2008): 123-148.

Peterson, Mark J. "Whalers, cetologists, environmentalists, and the international management of whaling." *International Organization* (1992): 147-186.

Jinnah, Sikina. "Overlap management in the World Trade Organization: Secretariat influence on trade-environment politics." *Global Environmental Politics* 10.2 (2010): 54-79.

3.4.2 Recommended readings

Newell, Peter. "The political economy of global environmental governance." *Review of International Studies* (2008): 507-529.

Conca, Ken. "The WTO and the undermining of global environmental governance." *Review of International Political Economy* 7.3 (2000): 484-494.

Young, Oran R. "The politics of international regime formation: managing natural resources and the environment." *International Organization* 43.3 (1989): 349-375.

Bernstein, Steven. "Ideas, social structure and the compromise of liberal environmentalism." *European journal of International Relations* 6.4 (2000): 464-512.

3.5 Week 5: Private Institutions

3.5.1 Required readings

Green, Jessica F. *Rethinking private authority: Agents and entrepreneurs in global environmental governance*. Princeton University Press, 2013. Chapter 1 (pp. 26-53)

Bernstein, Steven, and Benjamin Cashore. "Can non-state global governance be legitimate? An analytical framework." *Regulation & Governance* 1.4 (2007): 347-371.

Grabs, Janina. "Assessing the institutionalization of private sustainability governance in a changing coffee sector." *Regulation & Governance* 14.2 (2020): 362-387.

Haas, Peter. "When does power listen to truth? A constructivist approach to the policy process." *Journal of European Public Policy* 11.4 (2004): 569-592.

3.5.2 Recommended readings

Auld, Graeme. *Constructing private governance: The rise and evolution of forest, coffee, and fisheries certification*. Yale University Press, 2014.

Renckens, Stefan. *Private governance and public authority: Regulating sustainability in a global economy*. Cambridge University Press, 2020.

3.6 Week 6: Nongovernmental Organizations

3.6.1 Required readings

Wapner, Paul. "Politics beyond the state environmental activism and world civic politics." *World Politics* 47.3 (1995): 311–340.

Betsill, Michele M., and Elisabeth Corell. "NGO influence in international environmental negotiations: a framework for analysis." *Global Environmental Politics* 1.4 (2001): 65–85.

Stroup, Sarah S., and Wendy H. Wong. "Authority, strategy, and influence: Environmental INGOs in comparative perspective." *Environmental Politics* 27.6 (2018): 1101–1121.

Balboa, Cristina M. "How successful transnational non-governmental organizations set themselves up for failure on the ground." *World Development* 54 (2014): 273–287.

3.6.2 Recommended readings

Keck, Margaret E., and Kathryn Sikkink. *Activists beyond borders: Advocacy networks in international politics*. Cornell University Press, 2014.

Hadden, Jennifer, and Sarah Sunn Bush. "What's different about the environment? Environmental INGOs in comparative perspective." *Environmental Politics* (2020): 1–22.

Hadden, Jennifer. *Networks in contention*. Cambridge University Press, 2015.

Bosso, Christopher John. *Environment, Inc: From grassroots to beltway*. University Press of Kansas, 2005.

Busby, Joshua W. *Moral movements and foreign policy*. Cambridge University Press, 2010.

Key Environmental Issues

3.7 Week 7: Climate Change

3.7.1 Required readings

Bäckstrand, Karin, and Jonathan W. Kuyper. "The democratic legitimacy of orchestration: the UNFCCC, non-state actors, and transnational climate governance." *Environmental Politics* 26.4 (2017): 764–788.

Green, Jessica F. "Private standards in the climate regime: The greenhouse gas protocol." *Business and Politics* 12.3 (2010): 1–37.

Andonova, Liliana B., Michele M. Betsill, and Harriet Bulkeley. "Transnational climate governance." *Global Environmental Politics* 9.2 (2009): 52–73.

Bernstein, Steven, Michele Betsill, Matthew Hoffmann, and Matthew Paterson. "A tale of two Copenhagens: carbon markets and climate governance." *Millennium* 39.1 (2010): 161–173.

3.7.2 Recommended readings

Hoffmann, Matthew J. *Climate governance at the crossroads: experimenting with a global response after Kyoto*. Oxford University Press, 2011.

Keohane, Robert O., and David G. Victor. "The regime complex for climate change." *Perspectives on Politics* (2011): 7-23.

Allan, Jen Iris, and Jennifer Hadden. "Exploring the framing power of NGOs in global climate politics." *Environmental Politics* 26.4 (2017): 600–620.

3.8 Week 8: Biodiversity Conservation

3.8.1 Required readings

Nadelmann, Ethan A. "Global prohibition regimes: The evolution of norms in international society." *International Organization* 44.4 (1990): 479–526.

Gehring, Thomas, and Eva Ruffing. "When arguments prevail over power: the CITES procedure for the listing of endangered species." *Global Environmental Politics* 8.2 (2008): 123-148.

Gibson, Clark C., John T. Williams, and Elinor Ostrom. "Local enforcement and better forests." *World Development* 33.2 (2005): 273-284.

3.8.2 Recommended readings

Fuentes-George, Kemi. *Between preservation and exploitation: Transnational advocacy networks and conservation in developing countries*. MIT Press, 2016.

Ceballos, Gerardo, et al. "Accelerated modern human-induced species losses: Entering the sixth mass extinction." *Science Advances* 1.5 (2015): e1400253.

Holden, Matthew H., Duan Biggs, Henry Brink, Payal Bal, Jonathan Rhodes, and Eve McDonald-Madden. "Increase anti-poaching law-enforcement or reduce demand for wildlife products? A framework to guide strategic conservation investments." *Conservation Letters* 12.3 (2019): e12618.

3.9 Week 9: Whaling

3.9.1 Required readings

Eilstrup-Sangiovanni, Mette, and Teale N. Phelps Bondaroff. "From advocacy to confrontation: Direct enforcement by environmental NGOs." *International Studies Quarterly* 58.2 (2014): 348–361.

Blok, Anders. "Contesting global norms: Politics of identity in Japanese pro-whaling countermobilization." *Global Environmental Politics* 8.2 (2008): 39–66.

Epstein, Charlotte. *The power of words in international relations: Birth of an anti-whaling discourse*. MIT Press, 2008.

3.9.2 Recommended readings

Peterson, Mark J. "Whalers, cetologists, environmentalists, and the international management of whaling." *International Organization* (1992): 147-186.

3.10 Week 10: Energy Politics

3.10.1 Required readings

Stokes, Leah C. "The politics of renewable energy policies: The case of feed-in tariffs in Ontario, Canada." *Energy Policy* 56 (2013): 490-500.

Bernstein, Steven, and Matthew Hoffmann. "The politics of decarbonization and the catalytic impact of subnational climate experiments." *Policy Sciences* 51.2 (2018): 189-211.

Wolsink, Maarten. "The research agenda on social acceptance of distributed generation in smart grids: Renewable as common pool resources." *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews* 16.1 (2012): 822-835.

3.10.2 Recommended readings

Van der Horst, Dan. "NIMBY or not? Exploring the relevance of location and the politics of voiced opinions in renewable energy siting controversies." *Energy policy* 35.5 (2007): 2705-2714.

3.11 Week 11: Media and Experts

3.11.1 Required readings

Hestres, Luis E. "Preaching to the choir: Internet-mediated advocacy, issue public mobilization, and climate change." *New Media & Society* 16.2 (2014): 323–339.

Merkley, Eric. "Are Experts (News) Worthy? Balance, Conflict, and Mass Media Coverage of Expert Consensus." *Political Communication* (2020): 1-20.

Diamond, Emily, Thomas Bernauer, and Frederick Mayer. "Does providing scientific information affect climate change and GMO policy preferences of the mass public? Insights from survey experiments in Germany and the United States." *Environmental Politics* (2020): 1-20.

3.11.2 Recommended readings

Guisinger, Alexandra, and Elizabeth N. Saunders. "Mapping the boundaries of elite cues: How elites shape mass opinion across international issues." *International Studies Quarterly* 61.2 (2017): 425-441.

3.12 Week 12: Cities

3.12.1 Required readings

Van der Ven, Hamish, Steven Bernstein, and Matthew Hoffmann. "Valuing the contributions of nonstate and subnational actors to climate governance." *Global Environmental Politics* 17.1 (2017): 1-20.

Betsill, Michele M., and Harriet Bulkeley. "Transnational networks and global environmental governance: The cities for climate protection program." *International Studies Quarterly* 48.2 (2004): 471-493.

3.12.2 Recommended readings

Bulkeley, Harriet, and Michele Betsill. "Rethinking sustainable cities: Multilevel governance and the 'urban' politics of climate change." *Environmental Politics* 14.1 (2005): 42-63.