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Political Science 403D
Global Environmental Politics

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Course Content: This course examines the political economy of global environmental issues. Theories of international politics are applied to environmental problems. We will address how environmental problems are defined and identified by scientists and activists and the various political solutions proposed to resolve these problems. Classic and contemporary environmental issues will be discussed. Topics we will focus on include social pressure groups, population pressures, biodiversity, climate change, epistemic communities, regimes, global and regional environmental governance, trade and the environment, sustainable development, biosafety, and energy.

Format: As this is an upper-level course, the instructor assumes that students who have registered for the class are interested in the topic. The course will be conducted as a seminar. The instructor expects students will read the assigned materials prior to coming to class. Students are expected to actively participate in a constructive manner during class discussions.

Course Requirements: *Exams:* There will be two exams each worth 100 points. All make-up exams are scheduled for Wednesday May 9th from 3:10-5:10 p.m. Make-up exams will only be allowed when the instructor is notified *before* the scheduled exam and only for verifiable and excusable grounds. All in-class exams and quizzes must be written in black ink, dark blue ink, or a “number 2” pencil. Exams and quizzes not conforming to this requirement will not be graded. Students who do not exercise intelligible penmanship will be penalized on their exam and quiz grades. Please note that *all* final exams must be taken during the officially scheduled time and that make-up exams are not offered for the final exam.

Research Project: Students will write a research paper worth 100 points. More information on this assignment will be handed out in class.

Class Participation and attendance, including quizzes, will account for another 100 points. Make-up quizzes will not be offered. At least once during the semester each student will be called on to answer a question related to the assigned readings. This assignment is worth 50 points toward your participation grade. Missing more than 3 classes lowers your final grade by one-third (e.g., an A- becomes a B+). Missing more than 5 classes determines that your grade is an F. Students who arrive late or leave early will be marked absent.

Disruptions – such as using a cell phone, text messenger, pager, computer or other device – will have a deleterious effect on your participation grade. *The instructor requires all cell phones and pagers to be switched off during class.* Electronic devices, including language translation equipment, may not be used during exams. Late assignments will be penalized 20 percent per day beyond the due date. Incompletes will only be offered when requested in writing on behalf of a student by the Chair of the Department of Political Science or the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. All grade disputes

must be in writing. Students who expect to miss class because of the observance of a religious holiday will have an opportunity to make up missed work given that the instructor has been notified in writing regarding the anticipated absence by the last day of late registration. Students who expect to miss class due to an officially sanctioned, UNLV activity (e.g., intercollegiate athletics) must notify the instructor in writing at least 7 days prior to the anticipated absence and provide verification of participation.

The instructor reserves the right to have students' written materials submitted electronically and assessed by plagiarism detection software. The University requires all members of the University Community to be familiar with and to follow copyright and fair use laws. You are individually and solely responsible for violations of copyright and fair use laws. The University will neither protect nor defend you nor assume any responsibility for employee or student violations of fair use laws. Violations of copyright laws could subject you to federal and state civil penalties and criminal liability as well as disciplinary action under University policies. To help familiarize yourself with copyright and fair use policies, the University encourages you to visit its copyright page at: www.unlv.edu/committees/copyright. Plagiarism of any form will result in a failing grade for the course and the instructor will file a case with the Office of Student Conduct.

Synopsis of Grading:

Exams	200 points
Participation	100 points
Research Paper	100 points
Total	400 points

Required Texts:

Clapp, J. and P. Dauvergne (2005) *Paths to a Green World: The Political Economy of the Global Environment*. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press. ISBN: 0262532719.

Conca, K., and G.D. Dabelko (2004) *Green Planet Blues: Environmental Politics from Stockholm to Johannesburg* (3rd edition). Boulder: Westview. ISBN: 0813342007.

Student Accommodation: The UNLV Disability Resource Center (DRC) houses the resources for students with disabilities. If you have a documented disability that may require accommodations, you will need to contact the DRC for the coordination of services. The DRC is located in the Student Services Complex (SSC) room 137. The phone numbers are 702-895-0866 (voice), 702-895-0652 (TDD), and 702-895-0651 (Fax). For additional information please visit: www.unlv.edu/studentinf/les.

Course Outline: The instructor reserves the right to adjust this schedule as needed. In addition to the course texts, additional *required* readings have been placed on E-reserves at Lied Library.

January 15: NO CLASS

January 17: Introduction

Conca & Dabelko, introduction

January 22: Introduction

Clapp & Dauvergne, Chapter 1

Debra Davidson and Scott Frickel (2004) "Understanding Environmental Governance: A Critical Review," *Organization & Environment* 17, 4: 471-492. (E-reserves)

January 24: States, Anarchy, and the Environment

Conca & Dabelko, Chapters 1-7

January 29 & 31: Science, Politics, and the Politics of Science

Dale Jamieson (1996) "Scientific Uncertainty and the Political Process," *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences* 545, 1: 35-43. (E-reserves)

Conca & Dabelko, Chapter 16

Radoslav S. Dimitrov (2005) "Precaution in Global Environmental Politics," *International Journal of Global Environmental Issues* 5, 1/2: 96-113. (E-reserves)

Henrik Selin and Noelle Eckley (2003) "Science, Politics and Persistent Organic Pollutants: The Role of Scientific Assessments in International Environmental Cooperation," *International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics* 3, 1: 17-42. (E-reserves)

February 5 & 7: Globalization & the Environment

Clapp & Dauvergne, Chapters 2 & 3

David Sonnenfeld and Arthur Mol (2002) "Globalization and the Transformation of Environmental Governance: An Introduction," *American Behavioral Scientist* 45, 9: 1318-1339. (E-reserves)

James Boyce (2004) "Green and Brown? Globalization and the Environment," *Oxford Review of Economic Policy* 20, 1: 105-128. (E-reserves)

February 12, 14 & 21 (No Class February 19): Economic Growth & Sustainable Development

Clapp & Dauvergne, Chapter 4

Conca & Dabelko, Chapters 22-26

C.S. Sneddon (2000) "Sustainability in Ecological Economics, Ecology and Livelihoods: A Review," *Progress in Human Geography* 24, 4: 521-549. (E-reserves)

Peter Dauvergne (2005) "Dying of Consumption: Accidents or Sacrifices of Global Morality?" *Global Environmental Politics* 5, 3: 35-47. (E-reserves)

February 26, 28 and March 5: Trade & the Environment

Clapp & Dauvergne, Chapter 5

Conca & Dabelko, Chapters 17-21

Marc Williams (2001) "Trade and Environment in the World Trading System: A Decade of Stalemate?" *Global Environmental Politics* 1, 4: 1-9. (E-reserves)

Robyn Eckersley (2004) "The Big Chill: The WTO and Multilateral Environmental Agreements," *Global Environmental Politics* 4, 2: 24-50. (E-reserves)

March 7: Mid-Term Exam

March 12 & 14: No Class

March 19 & 21: Multinational Corporations & the Environment

Clapp & Dauvergne, Chapter 6

Ans Kolk and Jonatan Pinkse (2005) "Business Responses to Climate Change," *California Management Review* 47, 3: 6-20. (E-reserves)

Robert Falkner (2003) "Private Environmental Governance and International Relations: Exploring the Links," *Global Environmental Politics* 3, 2: 72-87. (E-reserves)

Matthew Potoski and Aseem Prakash (2005) "Green Clubs and Voluntary Governance: ISO 14001 and Firms' Regulatory Compliance," *American Journal of Political Science* 49, 2: 235-248. (E-reserves)

March 26 & 28: Global Finance & the Environment

Clapp & Dauvergne, Chapter 7

Nele Matz (2005) "Financial Institutions between Effectiveness and Legitimacy: A Legal Analysis of the World Bank, Global Environmental Facility and Prototype Carbon Fund," *International Environmental Agreement* 5: 265-302. (E-reserves)

April 2 & 4: Global Environmental Governance I

Conca & Dabelko, Chapters 12-15

Paul Wapner (2003) "World Summit on Sustainable Development: Toward a Post-Jo'Burg Environmentalism," *Global Environmental Politics* 3, 1: 1-10. (E-reserves)

Ambuj D. Sagar and Stacy D. VanDeveer (2005) "Capacity Development for the Environment: Broadening the Scope," *Global Environmental Politics* 5, 3: 14-22. (E-reserves)

Kentaro Tamura (2006) "Climate Change and the Credibility of International Commitments," *International Agreements* 6:289-304. (E-reserves)

April 9 & 11: Global Environmental Governance II

Oran R. Young (2001) "Inferences and Indices: Evaluating the Effectiveness of International Environmental Regimes," *Global Environmental Politics* 1, 1: 99-121. (E-reserves)

Ronald B. Mitchell (2002) "A Quantitative Approach to Evaluating International Environmental Regimes," *Global Environmental Politics* 2, 4: 58-83. (E-reserves)

Jon Hovi, Detlef F. Sprinz, and Arild Underdal (2003) "The Oslo-Potsdam Solution to Measuring Regime Effectiveness: Critique, Response, and the Road Ahead," *Global Environmental Politics* 3, 2: 74-96. (E-reserves)

Oran R. Young (2003) "Determining Regime Effectiveness: A Commentary on the Oslo-Potsdam Solution," *Global Environmental Politics* 3, 2: 97-104. (E-reserves)

April 16 & 18: NGOs and Civil Society

Conca & Dabelko, Chapters 32 & 34

David Humphreys (2004) "Redefining the Issues: NGO Influence on International Forest Negotiations," *Global Environmental Politics* 4, 2: 51-74. (E-reserves)

Tora Skodvin and Steinar Andresen (2003) "Non-state Influence in the International Whaling Commission, 1970-1990," *Global Environmental Politics* 3, 4: 61-86. (E-reserves)

Gary Gereffi (2001) "The NGO-Industrial Complex," *Foreign Policy* 125: 56-65. (E-reserves)

April 23 & 25: Developing Countries, Capacity Building, and Disenfranchisement

Susan Sell (1996) "North-South Environmental Bargaining: Ozone, Climate Change, and Biodiversity," *Global Governance* 2, 1: 97-118. (E-reserves)

Marc Williams (2005) "The Third World and Global Environmental Negotiations: Interests, Institutions and Ideas," *Global Environmental Politics* 5, 3: 48-69. (E-reserves)

Jimin Zhao (2005) "Implementing International Environmental Treaties in Developing Countries: China's Compliance with the Montreal Protocol," *Global Environmental Politics* 5, 1: 58-81. (E-reserves)

April 30 & May 2: Reforming Global Environmental Governance

Frank Biermann (2000) "The Case for a World Environment Organization," *Environment* 42, 9: 23-31. (E-reserves)

Magnus Lodefalk and John Whalley (2002) "Reviewing Proposals for a World Environmental Organisation," *The World Economy* 25, 5: 601-617. (E-reserves)

Jonathan R. Strand (2004) "The Case for Regional Environmental Organizations," in N. Kanie and P.M. Haas (eds) *Emerging Forces in Environmental Governance*. Tokyo: United Nations University Press. (E-reserves)

Konrad von Moltke (2001) "The Organization of the Impossible," *Global Environmental Politics* 1, 1: 23-28. (E-reserves)

Clapp & Dauvergne, Chapter 8

FINAL EXAM: Monday May 7 10:10 a.m. (subject to change)