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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, environmental refuges, biosafety, and energy.

Course Requirements: *Exams:* There will be two 100 point exams. All make-up exams are scheduled for Monday December 12 8:00-10:00 a.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: Student 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 50 points. Make-up quizzes will not be offered. Missing more than 3 classes lowers your final grade by one-third (e.g., an A- turns into 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 (September 2). 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.

The instructor expects students to read a major international news source on a regular basis. The instructor suggests the following sources of information: *Economist* (www.economist.com); *Financial Times* (www.ft.com); *International Herald Tribune* (www.ihf.com); Asia Times (www.atimes.com).

Required Texts:

Chambers, W.B. and J.F. Green (eds) (2005) *Reforming International Environmental Governance: From Institutional Limits to Innovative Reforms*. Tokyo: United Nations University Press. ISBN: 9280811118.

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.

Kanie, N. and P.M. Haas (eds) (2004) *Emerging Forces in Environmental Governance*. Tokyo: United Nations University Press. ISBN: 9280810952.

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 coordination of services. It 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. All articles are available through the Lied Library using JSTOR, Academic Search Premier, Web of Knowledge, etc. Items on electronic reserve at Lied Library are denoted with an asterisk.

August 29 & 31: Introduction

Conca & Dabelko, introduction

Clapp & Dauvergne, Chapter 1

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

September 5: No Class

September 7: States, Anarchy, and the Environment

Conca & Dabelko, Chapters 1-7

September 12 & 14: 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.

Conca & Dabelko, Chapter 16

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

Peter M. Haas (1989) Do Regimes Matter? Epistemic Communities and Mediterranean Pollution Control,” *International Organization* 43, 3: 377-403.

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.

Kanie & Haas, Chapters 6 & 7

September 19 & 21: Globalization and the Environment

Clapp & Dauvergne, Chapters 2 & 3

David Sonnenfeld, et al. (2002) “Globalization and the Transformation of Environmental Governance: An Introduction,” *American Behavioral Scientist* 45, 9: 1318-1339.

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

September 26, 28 & October 3: Economic Growth and 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.

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

Chambers & Green, Chapter 1

October 5, 10, & 12: Trade and 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.

Michael M. Weinstein and Steve Charnovitz (2001) “The Greening of the WTO,” *Foreign Affairs* (Nov/Dec) 80, 6: 147-156.

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

Chambers & Green, Chapter 5

October 17 & 19: Multinational Corporations and the Environment

Clapp & Dauvergne, Chapter 6

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

Jennifer Clapp (2005) “Global Environmental Governance for Corporate Responsibility and Accountability,” *Global Environmental Politics* 5, 3: 23-34.

October 19: Mid-Term Exam

October 24 & 26: Global Finance and the Environment

Clapp & Dauvergne, Chapter 7

Kanie & Haas, Chapters 10 & 11

October 31 & November 2: Global Environmental Governance I

Conca & Dabelko, Chapters 12-15

Kanie & Haas, Chapters 1-3 & 5

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

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

November 7, 9, & 14: 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.
- Ronald B. Mitchell (2002) "A Quantitative Approach to Evaluating International Environmental Regimes," *Global Environmental Politics* 2, 4: 58–83.
- Carsten Helm and Detlef F. Sprinz (2000) "Measuring the Effectiveness of International Environmental Regimes," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 45, 5: 630–652.
- 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.
- Oran R. Young (2003) "Determining Regime Effectiveness: A Commentary on the Oslo-Potsdam Solution," *Global Environmental Politics* 3, 2: 97-104.

November 16 & 21: NGOs and Civil Society

- Conca & Dabelko, Chapters 32 & 34
- Kanie & Haas, Chapters 8 & 9
- David Humphreys (2004) "Redefining the Issues: NGO Influence on International Forest Negotiations," *Global Environmental Politics* 4, 2: 51-74.
- Tora Skodvin and Steinar Andresen (2003) "Non-state Influence in the International Whaling Commission, 1970–1990," *Global Environmental Politics* 3, 4: 61-86.

November 23 & 28: Developing Countries, Capacity Building, and Disenfranchisement

- *Susan Sell (1996) "North-South Environmental Bargaining: Ozone, Climate Change, and Biodiversity," *Global Governance* 2, 1: 97–118.
- Dana R. Fisher and Jessica F. Green (2004) "Understanding Disenfranchisement: Civil Society and Developing Countries' Influence and Participation in Global Governance for Sustainable Development," *Global Environmental Politics* 4, 3: 65–84.
- Marc Williams (2005) "The Third World and Global Environmental Negotiations: Interests, Institutions and Ideas," *Global Environmental Politics* 5, 3: 48-69.
- Jimin Zhao (2005) "Implementing International Environmental Treaties in Developing Countries: China's Compliance with the Montreal Protocol," *Global Environmental Politics* 5, 1: 58-81.

November 30, December 5 & 7: Reforming Global Environmental Governance

- George Kennan (1970) "To Prevent a World Wasteland: A Proposal," *Foreign Affairs* 48, 3: 409-412.
- Frank Biermann (2000) "The Case for a World Environment Organization," *Environment* 42, 9: 23-31.
- Magnus Lodefalk and John Whalley (2002) "Reviewing Proposals for a World Environmental Organisation," *The World Economy* 25, 5: 601-617.
- Chambers & Green, Chapters 3, 4, & 6-8
- Kanie & Haas, Chapter 4
- Calestous Juma (2000) "The Perils of Centralizing Global Environmental Governance," *Environment* 42, 9: 44-45.
- Konrad von Moltke (2001) "The Organization of the Impossible," *Global Environmental Politics* 1, 1: 23-28.
- Adil Najam (2003) "The Case against a New International Environmental Organization," *Global Governance* 9, 3: 367-384.
- Clapp & Dauvergne, Chapter 8

FINAL EXAM, Wednesday December 14 8:00-10:00 a.m.