

## SOCI/PSCI 248 -- Environmental Social Sciences I: Power and Change Winter, 2012

**Place:** BB 305

**Time:** T Block

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Office hours, Spring Term: Monday: 2:15 - 5:00; Wednesday: 12:45 – 3:00

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course is a continuation of PSCI 247. It addresses the same conceptual problems but focuses more on understanding the societal and political response to environmental issues. We critically examine both proposed ecological futures, as well as means of environmental problem solving and societal change: state policy, intergovernmental treaties, environmental movements, and market solutions.

### **REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Readings made available through the Moodle outline.

### **COURSE WORK and EVALUATION:**

#### Participation

Online reading /news discussions /attendance (20%)

#### Research Paper (25%)

Research proposal (Initial proposal, Jan 27; final proposal Feb 17) 13%

Paper (Due: March 26) 12%

Reading questions (20%)

In-class questions on 8 of the week's readings (8 randomly selected weeks)

Final Exam (April, 2012) (35%)

### **Outline:**

#### **4 January - 10 January**

Review: Privatization and Denial

#### **11 January - 17 January**

UNFCCC: Neoliberalism and State Failure

Klein, Naomi. "[Capitalism vs the Climate](#)." *The Nation* (2011). 2011

<<http://www.thenation.com/print/article/164497/capitalism-vs-climate>>. (17 pp)

**Recommended:** Bond, Patrick and Dorsey, Michael K. "[Anatomies of Environmental Knowledge & Resistance: Diverse Climate Justice Movements and Waning Eco-Neoliberalism](#)." *The Journal of Australian Political Economy* 66 (2011): 286-316  
<<http://libmain.stfx.ca/newlib/electronic/databases/>>. (30 pp.)

-  [Capitalism vs Climate Forum](#)

## 18 January - 24 January

### Climate Change: Global Civil Society Action

Long, Stephanie, Roberts, Ellen, and Dehm, Julia. "[Climate Justice Inside and Outside the UNFCCC: The Example Of REDD.](#)" *The Journal of Australian Political Economy* 66 (2011): 222-245  
<<http://libmain.stfx.ca/newlib/electronic/databases/>>. (23 pp.)

[Climate Justice](#) Network. "[COP17 succumbs to Climate Apartheid: Antidote is Cochabamba Peoples' Agreement.](#)" 2011. *Occupy Cop 17*. 2011  
<<http://occupycop17.org/2011/12/11/occupy-cop17-supports-cjn-statement-at-the-conclusion-of-cop17/>>. (2 pp.)

Recommended: Evans, Geoff. 2010. "[A Rising Tide: Linking Local and Global Climate Justice.](#)" *The Journal of Australian Political Economy* 66:199-221.



-  [Climate Justice Forum](#)

## 25 January - 31 January

### Climate Change: Local State Action

Turner, Chris. 2008 "[The Rebirth of Hope,](#)" *The Geography of Hope a Tour of the World We Need*. Toronto: Vintage Canada. pp. 27-45 (18 pp.) Note that you only have to start at page 27.

Ryland, Elisabeth. 2010. "[Danish Wind Power Policy: Domestic and International Forces.](#)" *Environmental Politics* 19(1):80-85. (5 pp.)

-  [Danish Renewable Energy Policy Forum](#)
-  [Research Proposals Forum](#)

## 1 February - 7 February

### Climate Change: Local State Action (Cities)

Linstroth, Tommy and Ryan Bell. 2007 “Global Issues, Local Action,” “[Achieving Results: Portland Oregon](#),” *Local Action the New Paradigm in Climate Change Policy*. Burlington, Vt, Hanover: University of Vermont Press. Published by University Press of New England.

-  [Municipal Climate Change Action Forum](#)

## **8 February - 14 February**

Successful Intergovernmental Treaty: Ozone

Reichman, Nancy and Penelope Canan. 2003. “[Ozone Entrepreneurs and the Building of Global Coalitions](#).” *Environment, Energy, and Society: Exemplary Works*, eds Craig R. Humphrey, Tammy L. Lewis, and Frederick H. Buttel. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Thomson Learning.

-  [Ozone Treaty Forum](#)

## **15 February - 21 February**

Weak Intergovernmental Treaty: Civil Society and the Basel Convention

Pellow, David N. 2007 “[Transnational Movement Networks for Environmental Justice](#),” *Resisting Global Toxics Transnational Movements for Environmental Justice*. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press.

-  [Global Environmental Justice Forum](#)

## **22 February - 28 February**

Reading Week



## **29 February - 6 March**

Grassroots Activism in Nova Scotia

Hornborg, Alf. 1998. "Mi'Kmaq Environmentalism." *Sustainability the Challenge People, Power, and the Environment*, eds. L. A. Sandberg and Sverker Srin. Montreal: Black Rose Books.

Film: "Herbicide Trials"

## **7 March - 13 March**

Ideology of Neoliberal Environmental Governance

Bantjes, Rod. 2007 "Consumer-Citizen: The Market as a Social Movement Tool," (pp. 228-243) "Discourse and the Power of Constitution: 'Speaking for' the Environment," (pp. 258-275) *Social Movements in a Global Context Canadian Perspectives*. Toronto: Canadian Scholars' Press. (33 pp.)

## **14 March - 20 March**

Market Governance Utopia

Hawken, Paul. 1993. "[Parking Lots and Potato Heads.](#)" *The Ecology of Commerce*, Paul Hawken. New York: Harper Collins. □

## **21 March - 27 March**

Market Governance: Commodifying Nature

Robertson, Morgan. 2006. "[The Nature That Capital Can See: Science, State, and the Market in the Commodification of Ecosystem Services.](#)" *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 24:367-87. □

## **28 March - 3 April**

Intergovernmental Treaty: CBD

Tsioumani, Elsa. 2008. "The Convention on Biological Diversity at a Crossroads: Where Do We Go From Here?" *Environmental Policy and Law* 38(5):223-28.

Morgera, Elisa. 2011. "CBD / ICNP-1: All about Compliance." *Environmental Policy and Law* 41(4):189-91.

#### **4 April - 10 April**

Biodiversity Action: Agriculture

Mushita, Andrew and Carol Thompson. 2008. "Agricultural Biodiversity: African Alternatives to a 'Green Revolution'." *Development* 51(4):488-495.

#### **11 April - 17 April**

Review