

## **Seminar: Global Climate Politics IEP Lille 2015**

### **Overview**

The seminar provides an in-depth overview of global climate politics. After reviewing the scientific evidence on climate change, we focus on the economic and political dimensions of anthropogenic climate change and discuss top-down as well as bottom-up climate politics. We also focus on various policy instruments ranging from carbon markets to climate engineering. A special emphasis is put on developments in the global South and on renewable energy politics. Besides the official intergovernmental processes we will also analyze what role (sub-) national initiatives, NGOs and business representatives have in global energy and climate politics.

### **Requirements**

- Willingness to read English literature and to discuss all topics in English

### **Credits**

- Active and regular participation
- Reading of texts
- Small assignments
- Short term paper

### **Venue**

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### **Literature**

- Gupta, Joyeeta, 2014. The History of Global Climate Governance. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.

## Seminar Outline

### Session 1: Anthropogenic climate change (Monday 09.03. from 09.40-12.40)

#### A) The scientific debate

- IPCC, 2014. Summary for Policymakers, Mitigation of Climate Change. Contribution of Working Group III to the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Geneva.
- Gupta, Joyeeta, 2014. The History of Global Climate Governance. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, ch. 1.

#### B) What can be done?

- Gupta, Joyeeta, 2014. The History of Global Climate Governance. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, ch. 2.

### Session 2: Climate politics top-down (Tuesday 10.03. from 09.40-12.40)

#### A) History of the UNFCCC

- Betsill, Michele M., 2015. International Climate Change Policy. Complex Multilevel Governance. In: RS Axelrod, VanDeveer, SD (ed.) *The Global Environment. Institutions, Law, Policy*, pp. 234-258. Sage, Los Angeles (CA).

#### B) The current climate change regime complex

- Andresen, Steinar, 2014. The Climate Regime. A Few Achievements but Many Challenges. *Climate Law* 4 (1-2), 21-29.

### Session 3: Climate politics bottom-up (Wednesday 11.03. from 10.05-13.05)

#### A) The role of NGOs and business

- Abbott, Kenneth W., 2013. Constructing a Transnational Climate Change Regime: Bypassing and Managing States. Manuscript.

#### B) The role of experiments and cities

- Hoffmann, Matthew J., 2011. *Climate Governance at the Crossroads. Experimenting with a Global Response after Kyoto*. Oxford University Press, Oxford, UK. Chapters 1-3.

#### **Session 4: Climate change instruments (Friday 13.03. from 10.15-13.15)**

##### A) Mitigation through markets and REDD+

- Newell, P., Paterson, M., 2010. Climate Capitalism. Global Warming and the Transformation of the Global Economy. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, UK. Chapters 1, 5-7.
- Lederer, M., 2012. REDD+ governance. Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Climate Change (3)1, 107-113.

##### B) Climate Engineering

- Hamilton, Clive, 2013. *Earthmasters. The Dawn of the Age of Climate Engineering*. New Haven, Ct, Yale University Press, ch. 1-3, 5.

#### **Session 5: Low carbon development in the global South (Monday 16.03. from 09.40-12.40)**

##### A) Overview

- The Global Commission on the Economy and Climate, 2014. Better Growth, Better Climate. The New Climate Economy Report. The Synthesis Report, Washington DC.

##### B) China, Costa Rica, Ethiopia

#### **Session 6: Global politics in the Anthropocene (Tuesday 17.03. from 09.40-12.40)**

##### A) The new geopolitics of climate change

- Dalby, Simon, 2014. Rethinking Geopolitics: Climate Security in the Anthropocene. *Global Policy* 5 (1), 1-9.

##### B) Towards the future

- Gupta, Joyeeta, 2014. The History of Global Climate Governance. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, ch. 10.