POLS*4720: Topics in International Relations
Global Environmental Politics

Course Outline
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Course Description

POLS*4720 (Global Environmental Politics) is a fourth year Political Science seminar that explores the politics of international relations in the context of transnational governance and global environmental change. A central theme concerns the theoretical, historical and comparative factors affecting cooperation, inclusion and equity in global environmental agreements and institutions governing deforestation, fisheries depletion, air and water pollution, and climate change. Theoretically, it draws upon concepts used in the study of international relations, international regimes, policy networks, international political economy and Indigenous and feminist IR to understand the role of states, non-state actors, Indigenous and epistemic communities, multinational corporations and cities in governing global environmental agreements and regimes. Students should be aware that this is a 1.0 credit course, and the expectation is that they take a leading role in preparing class presentations, participating in class discussions, conducting independent research and writing substantive research papers.