MA program in International Relations

Winter 2018/2019

International System of Environmental Protection

**Syllabus**

**Time: Wednesdays 9.35-11.05 (lecture/class) room 06**

* **Course Elaboration:**

The end of the Cold War and the almost simultaneous global attention given to environment at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992 show the new tendency in security studies. It was the time to start to realize that threats to security comes not only from traditional sources of threats like military but also from non-traditional one. One of them is environmental threat. It is connecting with climate change, biological diversity, water stress, deforestation, wastes, pollution. The ecological threats become an integral part of the new, broad understanding of security.

The anthropogenically determined ecological changes pose a direct threat to the existence and functioning of states and nations and also constitute an element which determines the sensitivity and vulnerability of states to negative impulses from international environment. They are also responsible for tensions, disputes and even conflicts between states but also cause for cooperation.

The main purpose of the course is to help students understand the problem of environmental security, how environmental threats and problems causing potential future danger. What kind of activity governments undertake to solve the main environmental problems?

It is hoped that course will be beneficial to the students in their understanding of environmental security and system of environmental protection.

* **Main references books**

Hough, Peter (2014), *Environmental Security: An Introduction*, New York, Routledge.

Floyd, Rita and Richard A. Matthew, eds., (2013), *Environmental Security: Approaches and Issues*, New York, Routledge.

Doyle Timothy, McEachern, eds., (2016), *Environment and Politics*, London, New York, Routledge.

Crank John P., (2015), *Crime, Violence, and Global Warming,* London, New York, Routledge.

De Sombre, Elizabeth R. (2017), *Global Environmental Institutions,* London, New York, Routledge.

Stevenson Hayley (2018), *Global Environmental Politics. Problems, Policy and Practice*, Cambridge University Press.

* **Additional materials**

*The Green Book*, Foreign Affairs Special Collection, May 9, 2014.

*Report Card in International Cooperation 2014-2015*, Council of Councils, An Initiative of the Council on Foreign Relations (<http://www.cfr.org/councilofcouncils/reportcard/#!/>).

*Climate Change 2014. Synthesis Report*, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2015, (<http://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar5/wg3/>).

* **Lecture/Class Calendar & Readings**

**Lecture 1: 10/3**

**Introduction to the course.**

**Tradition of ecological international policy. Collective goods problem. The emergence of international environmental policy. The international environmental conferences**

Floyd, Rita and Richard A. Matthew, eds., (2013), *Environmental Security: Approaches and Issues*, New York, Routledge (chapter 15)

Hough, Peter. (2014), *Environmental Security: An Introduction*, New York, Routledge.

**Lecture 2: 10/10**

**An Inconvenient Truth (2006), film by Al Gore**

**Class 1 and 2: 10/17 & 10/24**

**Ecological threats and ecological risks. The threats that pose a direct threat to human life and health and also become a source of international tension and conflicts as well as cooperation + Environmental institutions – students presentations**

* Air pollution
* Water pollution
* Transboundary movement of dangerous waste materials
* Nuclear energy
* Population growth and poverty

Hough, Peter. (2014), *Environmental Security: An Introduction*, New York, Routledge, (chapter 3, 4 & 6).

Khan, Sulmean (2014), *Suicide by Drought*, in: *The Green Book*, Foreign Affairs Special Collection, May 9, 2014

Lomborg Bjorn. (2012), *Environmental Alarmism. Then and Now*, in: *The Green Book*, Foreign Affairs Special Collection, May 9, 2014

*Report Card in International Cooperation 2014-2015*, Council of Councils, An Initiative of the Council on Foreign Relations (<http://www.cfr.org/councilofcouncils/reportcard/#!/>).

Sielan, Alan B. (2014), *The Devolution of the Seas*, in: *The Green Book*, Foreign Affairs Special Collection, May 9, 2014

De Sombre, Elizabeth R. (2017), *Global Environmental Institutions*, London, New York, Routledge.

Stevenson Hayley (2018), *Global Environmental Politics. Problems, Policy and Practice*, Cambridge University Press, chapter 3.

**Class 3: 11/7**

**Climate change as a real or just a false threat (oxford debate)**

*Climate Change 2014. Synthesis Report*, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2015, (<http://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar5/wg3/>).

Hough, Peter. (2014), *Environmental Security: An Introduction*, New York, Routledge (chapter 7)

See: James Hansen. (2015), Ice melt, sea level rise and super storms, (<http://www.atmos-chem-phys-discuss.net/15/20059/2015/acpd-15-20059-2015.pdf>) & (<http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2015/07/20/the-worlds-most-famous-climate-scientist-just-outlined-an-alarming-scenario-for-our-planets-future/>).

**Lecture 3: 11/14**

**Environmental security. Environmental security at macro and micro level. Sensitivity, vulnerability and adaptation to threats**

Upreti Bishnu Raj. (2013), *Environmental security and sustainable development*, (in:) Floyd, Rita and Richard A. Matthew, eds., (2013), Environmental Security: Approaches and Issues, New York, Routledge

Stevenson Hayley (2018), *Global Environmental Politics. Problems, Policy and Practice*, Cambridge University Press.

**Class 4: 11/21**

**Climate wars – What People will be killed for in the 21st Century?**

Dinar Shlomi, Lucia De Stefano and others. (2012), *No Wars for Water, The Green Book*, Foreign Affairs Special Collection, May 9, 2014

Theisen Ole Magnus, Helge Holtermann & Halvard Buhang. (2011/2012), *Climate Wars?*, International Security, Vol. 36, No. 3, pp. 79-106.

Crank John P., (2015), *Crime, Violence, and Global Warming*, London, New York, Routledge – section II chapters 4 & 5

Stevenson Hayley (2018), *Global Environmental Politics. Problems, Policy and Practice*, Cambridge University Press, chapter 5.

See the programme:

Climate Wars by Harald Welzer (The Centre for the Study of Europe at Boston University - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZyrGdNvAvw>)

**Class 5: 11/28**

**Climate change and migration process. Climate change and cultural heritage – presentations**

Methmann Chris, Angela Oels. (2015), From ‘fearing’ to ‘empowering’ climate refugees: Governing climate –Induced migration in the name of resilience, Security Dialog 2015, vol. 46(1), pp. 51-68.

World Heritage Reports. Climate Change and World Heritage. Report on predicting and managing the impacts of climate change on World Heritage and Strategy to assist States Parties to implement appropriate management responses, (http://whc.unesco.org/en/series/22/)

The Impact of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties, (http://whc.unesco.org/en/climatechange/)

Crank John P., (2015), Crime, Violence, and Global Warming, London, New York, Routledge – section III, chapters 7&8.

**Lecture 4: 12/5**

**Ecological risk and international countries activities. Ecological interest and ecological roles.**

Pietraś Marek. (2011), *Międzynarodowy reżim zmian klimatu*, Adam Marszałek, Toruń.

http://www.cfr.org/climate-change/climate-change-next-us-president/p38295

**Class 6: 12/12**

**Ecological interests and roles of USA, EU, China, Japan in the process of climate negotiations and how did/do behave other countries? (workshop)**

Hovi Jo, Detler F. Sprinz, Guri Bang. (2010), *Why the United States did not become a party to the Kyoto Protocol: German, Norwegian and US perspectives*, European Journal of International Relations 2010, Vol. 18(1), pp. 129-150.

Jaschik Kevin. (2014), *Small states and international politics: climate change, the Maldives and Tuvalu*, International Politics 2014, Vol. 51(2), pp. 272-293.

Kelemen R.P., D. Vogel. (2010), *The Role of the United States and European Union in the International Environmental Policy*, Comparative Politics Studies 2010/43 (4)

Kilian B., O. Elgström. (2010), *Still a Green Leader? The European Union’s Role in International Climate negotiations,* Cooperation and Conflict 2010, 45 (3)

Moore Scott M. (2014), *Pollution without Revolution. Why China’s Environmental Crisis Won’t Bring Down the Regime,* in: *The Green Book*, Foreign Affairs Special Collection, May 9, 2014.

Stensdal Iseline. (2014), *Chinese Climate Change Policy, 1988-2013: Moving On Up*, Asian Perspective 38, pp. 111-135.

China -

<https://www.cfr.org/backgrounder/chinas-environmental-crisis>

**Lecture 5: 12/12**

**Global environmental Institutions**

De Sombre, Elizabeth R. (2017), *Global Environmental Institutions,* London, New York, Routledge.

*The Global Climate Change Regime* (<http://www.cfr.org/climate-change/global-climate-change-regime/p21831>)

<http://unfccc.int/essential_background/convention/items/6036.php>

**Class 7: 12/19**

**Multilateral Diplomacy - Sustainable Development**

Stevenson Hayley (2018), *Global Environmental Politics. Problems, Policy and Practice*, Cambridge University Press, chapter 6.

**Lecture 6: 01/9**

**Environmental movements, political parties + EU ecological policy**

Jordan Andrew, Adelle Camilla. (2013), Environmental Policy in the EU. Actors, institutions and processes, London, New York, Routledge.

**Classes 8: 01/16**

**Individualising Responding – Unsustainable Consumption**

Stevenson Hayley (2018), *Global Environmental Politics. Problems, Policy and Practice*, Cambridge University Press, chapter 9.

**Final Paper should be submitted by the January 7th 2010.**

**Other requirements for the course**

We will try to build strength over diverse standards together so it is essential to read the lectures and class attendance is absolutely essential, as well as students activity during it.

The final paper should incorporate notes taken from designated paper readings on a personal set subject **which should be firstly consult during my office hours or via email** (till the end of November 2017). Length of the term paper is flexible, but in no case should be longer than 15 pages double-spaces (Times New Roman font 12) including detailed footnotes.

Composition of final evaluation: 50% paper; 40% presentations + discussion; 10% - class attendance

My office hours are at Tuesdays (14.30 - 16.00 pm) and Wednesdays (13.00 14.30) and other times by appointment. My office is Room 116, Faculty of Political Science, Pl. Litewski 3. My email is: wiktoriazietek@gmail.com.