

Course Outline

EST 796, Section 01
Adv Topics/ Environmental Studies

ASIAN ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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DESCRIPTION

Overview

This is a *one credit-hour* research seminar (workshop) for graduate students in Environmental Studies, Environmental Policy and related fields with research interests in Asian environmental policy. Participants will deepen their understanding of selected environmental issues, policies, and politics in contemporary East, Southeast, and South Asia; and advance related research projects. The seminar will be conducted as a reading, writing, and discussion group, with contents determined partially in response to participant interests. It is organized in three main parts: (i) in the first, we will read and discuss a recent and timely publication, *Climate Change in Asia: Perspectives on the Future Climate Regime*; (ii) in the second part, we will read and discuss additional readings of interest to course participants; (iii) in the final segment of the course, participants will present and discuss works in progress – these may be just beginning, mid-stream reports, or final projects. Graduate students at every stage of research related to Asian environmental policy are welcome.

Enrollment

Instructor's permission required for enrollment. Prospective students should send the instructor an e-mail with their name, graduate program and institutional affiliation, statement of academic and research interests, and description of what they would like to work on in this research workshop. The seminar will be limited in size to 15 students.

Requirements

- Attend and participate in all seminar sessions;
- Read and discuss all required course texts;
- Organize one or more seminar sessions based on student interests; and
- Prepare, present, and submit a working paper related to the theme of the course.

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Grading

Attendance and overall participation, 33%

Discussion leadership (one or more sessions), 33%

Working paper, 33%

-- Written paper, 75%

-- Oral presentation, 25%

Communication

Office: 106 Marshall

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TEXTS

Required

- Kameyama, Yasuko, Agus P. Sari, Moekti H. Soejahmoen, and Norichika Kanie, eds. 2008. *Climate Change in Asia: Perspectives on the Future Climate Regime*. Tokyo, New York, and Paris: United Nations University Press.

Available at Follett's Orange Bookstore, Marshall Square Mall, 720 University Ave., tel. 478.6821.

- Additional readings based on student interests.

WORKING PAPER

Scope. May include: a draft Plan of Study (for beginning Master's students), a thesis/dissertation proposal (for advanced graduate students), a proposal for funding of graduate research, a draft paper for submission for presentation at a professional conference, a draft manuscript for submission for publication to a peer-reviewed journal, etc.

Proposal. By **Week 3**, submit a brief (1-2 pp.) description of what you would like to write your Working Paper for this seminar on. Should relate to the course topic, and be 1-2 pp., typed, double-spaced. (Sept. 16)

Outline. By **Week 6**, submit an outline for your Working Paper. For most Working Papers (excepting Plans of Study), include a working abstract/ executive summary and preliminary bibliography, as well. (Oct. 7)

Oral Presentation. Present your seminar paper in class, 10-15 min., including questions and discussion. **Weeks 13-14.** (25% of Working Paper grade; Dec. 2, 9)

Written Paper. Typed, double-spaced, w/ cover page & references. Due at the beginning of the regularly scheduled **Final Exam** period for this course. (75% of Working Paper grade; week of Dec. 14)

SCHEDULE

I. Environmental Policy in Asia: Climate Change

Week 1 – Course Introduction

Course Introduction

REQUIRED:

Kameyama, et al., *Climate Change in Asia*, Intro, Part I

Week 2 – Climate Change in Asia I

Country studies on processes for "Beyond 2012"

REQUIRED:

Kameyama, et al., *Climate Change in Asia*, Part II

Week 3 – Climate Change in Asia II

Thematic Studies—Components of "Beyond 2012"

REQUIRED:

Kameyama, et al., *Climate Change in Asia*, Part III

*** Working Paper Topics Due ***

Week 4 – Climate Change in Asia III

Conclusion & next steps

REQUIRED:

Kameyama, et al., *Climate Change in Asia*, Part IV

Week 5 – Climate Change in Asia IV

Other readings/ perspectives

REQUIRED:

Additional readings, TBA

*** Attendance @ Talk by Dr. Dana Fisher, Columbia University, Thurs., Oct. 1,
4-5 pm, highly encouraged ***

INTERLUDE

Week 6 – Working Paper Workshop

Presentation and Discussion of Outlines

*** Outline, Abstract, and Bibliography due ***

Week 7 – No Class

II. Asian Environmental Policy: Other Topics

Week 8 – TBA

Week 9 – TBA

Week 10 – TBA

*** Attendance @ Talk by Dr. David O'Connor, United Nations, Thurs., Nov. 5,
4-5 pm, highly encouraged ***

Week 11 – TBA

Week 12 – TBA

THANKSGIVING BREAK

III. Asian Environmental Policy: Works in Progress

Week 13 – Oral Presentations

Week 14 – Oral Presentations; Course Conclusion

Final Exam Period – Working Paper Due