

Course Outline, with Readings

SUPERPOWERS IN GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS: CHINA AND THE US

SENSE PhD course S435; ENP 50306; ENP 50803
5th period, May 14 till May 25, 2007

INTRODUCTION – Superpowers in Global Environmental Politics

	Date&Time	Subject	Lecturer(s)	Location
1	Monday 14/5 13.15-14.00	<p>Introduction: Comparative setting of US and Chinese environmental politics</p> <p>Required readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Economy, E. (2004), "The Devil at the Doorstep," ch. 6 in <i>The River Runs Black: The Environmental Challenge to China's Future</i>. (Ithaca: Cornell Univ. Press). 2. Falkner, R. (2005), "American Hegemony and the Global Environment," <i>International Studies Review</i> v 7, n 4, pp. 585-599. <p>Recommended reading:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Chasek, P.S. (forthcoming, 2007), "U.S. Policy in the UN Environmental Arena: Powerful laggard or Constructive Leader?", <i>International Environmental Agreements</i>, v7, n2 (September). 	David Sonnenfeld, Lei Zhang	C30
	14.15-16.00	<p>Theory: comparative and global environmental politics</p> <p>Required readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spaargaren, G., et al. (2006), "Introduction: Governing Environmental Flows in Global Modernity". Ch. 1 in <i>Governing Environmental Flows: Global Challenges to Social Theory</i>, eds. Spaargaren, G., et al. (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press). 2. Stevis, D., and H. Bruyninckx (2006), "Looking through the State at Environmental Flows and Governance". Ch. 4 in <i>Governing Environmental Flows</i>, eds. Spaargaren, G., et al. (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press). <p>Recommended readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Chasek, P.S., et al. (2006), <i>Global Environmental Politics</i>, 4th ed. (Boulder, CO: Westview), ch's 1 and 2. 	David Sonnenfeld, Lei Zhang	C30

		<p>4. Jänicke, M. (2002), "The Political System's Capacity for Environmental Policy: the Framework for Comparison". Pp. 1-18 in <i>Capacity-Building in National Environmental Policy</i>, eds. Weidner, H. and M. Jänicke. (Berlin: Springer-Verlag).</p>		
2	<p>Tuesday 15/5</p> <p>13.15-16.00</p>	<p>Historical perspectives on US environmental policy and politics</p> <p>Required readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DeSombre, E.R. (2005), "Understanding United States Unilateralism: Domestic Sources of U.S. International Environmental Policy". In <i>The Global Environment: Institutions, Law, and Policy</i>, 2nd ed., eds. R.S. Axelrod, et al. (Washington DC: Congressional Quarterly Press). 2. Andrews, R.N.L. (2006), "[U.S.] Environmental Policy in a Global Economy", ch. 15 in <i>Managing the Environment, Managing Ourselves</i>, 2nd ed. (New Haven and London: Yale Univ. Press). <p>Recommended reading:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. McCright, A., and R. Dunlap. (2003), "Defeating Kyoto: American Conservative Movement's Impact on U.S. Climate Change Policy," <i>Social Problems</i>, v50, n3, Pp. 348-373. 	David Sonnenfeld	C30
3	<p>Wednesday 16/5</p> <p>13.15-16.00</p>	<p>Chinese environmental politics and the political system</p> <p>Required readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jahiel, A.R. (1998), "The Organization of Environmental Protection in China", <i>The China Quarterly</i>, n156, Pp. 757-787, published by School of Oriental and African Studies. 2. Orts, E.W. (2003), "Environmental Law with Chinese Characteristics", <i>William and Mary Bill of Rights Journal</i>, v. 11, Pp. 545-567. <p>Recommended reading:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Xue, L., U.E. Simonis, et al. (2006), "Environmental Governance in China", Report of the Task Force on Environmental Governance, China Council of International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED), Beijing (ch. 1 and 2). Available: http://skylla.wz-berlin.de/pdf/2007/p07-001.pdf 	Lei Zhang	C30

THEORY – Chinese and US Environmental Politics via Three Theoretical Lenses

	Date&Time	Subject	Lecturer(s)	Location
4	Friday 18/5 08:30	Written Commentary #1 due		via e-mail
	13.15-15.00	<p>Global Environmental Politics/ International Relations Theory</p> <p>Required readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paterson, M. (2005), "Theoretical perspectives on international environmental politics". Ch. 3 In <i>Palgrave Advances in International Environmental Politics</i>, eds. M.M. Betsill, et al. (Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave). 2. Downie, D.L. (2005), "Global Environmental Policy: Governance through Regimes". Ch. 4 In <i>The Global Environment: Institutions, Law, and Policy</i>, 2nd ed., eds. R.S. Axelrod, et al. (Washington DC: Congressional Quarterly Press). 	Aarti Gupta	C406
	15.15-17.00	Student presentations	David Sonnenfeld, Lei Zhang	C406
5	Monday 21/5	<p>Environmental Sociology of Networks and Flows</p> <p>Required readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oosterveer, P. (2007), <i>Global Governance of Food Production and Consumption; Issues and Challenges</i>, (Cheltenham and Northampton: Edward Elgar Publishing). Ch's 2 and 3. <p>Recommended reading:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Mol, A.P.J., and G. Spaargaren. (2006), "Toward a Sociology of Environmental Flows". Ch. 2 in <i>Governing Environmental Flows</i>, eds. Spaargaren, G., et al. (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press). 	Peter Oosterveer	C30
	15.15-17.00	Student presentations	David Sonnenfeld, Lei Zhang	C30
6	Tuesday 22/5	<p>World-Systems Theory/ Climate Change Politics</p> <p>Required readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roberts, J.T., and B.C. Parks. (2007), <i>A Climate of Injustice: Global Inequality, North-South Politics, and Climate Policy</i> (Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press), ch's 1, 2 and 6 	Timmons Roberts	C30

		<p>Recommended readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. U.S. Dept. of State. (2004), "U.S. Climate Change Policy" [fact sheet], November 19. Available: http://www.state.gov/g/oes/rls/fs/2004/38641.htm 3. Yangtze Yan. (2006), "China Calls for Completing Post-Kyoto Talks by 2009". <i>Gov.cn</i>, November 16. Available: http://english.gov.cn/2006-11/16/content_443768.htm 4. Elkington, J., and J. Thorpe. (2007), "China's Elephant in the Room," <i>ChinaDialogue.net</i>, March 20. Available: http://www.chinadialogue.net/article/show/single/en/864-Climate-s- 		
	15.15-17.00	Student presentations	David Sonnenfeld, Lei Zhang	C30

CASES – Chinese and US Environmental Politics via Two Case Studies

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7	Wednesday 23/5 13.15-15.00	<p>Case study: Toxic trade linkages between US and China</p> <p>Required readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basel Action Network and Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition. (2002), "Exporting Harm: The High-Tech Trashing of Asia". Available: http://www.ban.org/E-waste/technotrashfinalcomp.pdf. 2. Puckett, J. (2006), "High-tech's Dirty Little Secret". Ch. 20 in <i>Challenging the Chip: Labor Rights and Environmental Justice in the Global Electronics Industry</i> (Philadelphia: Temple Univ. Press), <p>Recommended reading:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Greenpeace China, various reports, press releases, etc. Available: http://www.greenpeace.org/china/en/campaigns/toxics 4. Raphael, C., & T. Smith. (2006), "Importing EPR for Electronic Equipment into the U.S.". Ch. 22 in <i>Challenging the Chip: Labor Rights and Environmental Justice in the Global Electronics Industry</i> (Phila.: Temple Univ. Press). 	David Sonnenfeld, Lei Zhang	C30
	15.15-17.00	Student presentations	David Sonnenfeld, Lei Zhang	C30

8	Thursday 24/5 13.15-15.00	<p>Case study: China's natural resource consumption</p> <p>Required readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vermeer, E.B. (2007). <i>Determining factors in China's fossil energy use and its environmental impact</i>, Leiden University 2. Lieberthal, K., and M. Herberg (2006). "China's Search for Energy Security: Implications for U.S. Policy", <i>NBR Analysis</i>, v17, n1 (April), National Bureau of Asian Research, Seattle, USA. Available: http://www.nbr.org/publications/analysis/pdf/vol17n01.pdf <p>Recommended reading:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Liu, J.G., and J. Diamond (2005), "China's environment in a globalizing world", <i>Nature</i>, v 435, June 30, pp. 1179-1186. Supplementary material available: <http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v435/n7046/supinfo/4351179a.html>. 	Eduard Vermeer	C30
	15.15-17.00	Student presentations	David Sonnenfeld, Lei Zhang	C30

CONCLUSIONS

	Date&Time	Subject	Lecturer(s)	Location
9	Friday 25/5 08:30	Written Commentary #2 due		via e-mail
	13.15-16.00	<p>Conclusions: Future Prospects for Chinese and US Environmental Politics</p> <p>Required readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carter, N. T., and A.P J. Mol. (2006), "China and the Environment: Domestic and Transnational Dynamics of a Future Hegemon." <i>Environmental Politics</i> v15 n2, Pp. 330-44. 2. Friedman, T.L. (2007), "The Power of Green," <i>New York Times Magazine</i>, April 15. [cover article] <p>Recommended readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Mol, A.P.J. (2006), "Environment and Modernity in Transitional China: Frontiers of Ecological Modernization," <i>Development and Change</i>, v37 n1, Pp. 29-56. 4. Zhang, L., A.P.J. Mol and D.A. Sonnenfeld, (forthcoming, 2007) "The Interpretation of Ecological Modernisation in China" <i>Environmental Politics</i>. 	David Sonnenfeld, Lei Zhang	C30