

The Politics of Global Climate Change

Modular value: 20 credits

Teaching: 2 hour weekly seminars

Duration: Spring term

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Global climate change is now acknowledged to be one of the greatest challenges of the international community. This module examines the origins and effects of climate change on human prosperity, security and development. It discusses the various solutions proposed and focuses on the efforts to construct a global agreement to limit the effects of climate change and the problems encountered in this endeavour. It also examines closely the politics and policies of major polluters, such as the US, the EU and major developing economies like China and India.

On successful completion on the module, students will demonstrate an ability to:

- To explain the causes and effects of climate change on human populations.
- To critically evaluate proposals for dealing with the problem of climate change.
- To Compare and contrast the policies of different major polluters.
- To evaluate the efforts to construct a global agreement on climate change.

Assessment

- 1 x 4500 word essay 90%
- 1 x oral presentation 10%

You may be interested in these modules

- 20 credits - **Global Environmental Governance** (</postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/global-environmental-governance.aspx>)

You may be interested in these degrees:

- **International Relations (with specialist pathways)** (</postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/international-relations.aspx>)
- **Political Science (with specialist pathways)** (</postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/political-science.aspx>)