

# **INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY**

Political Science 239/IR 239/SUS 239

Room: Harkness 115

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Tuesdays 10:00-11:00 am, Harkness 307 or by appointment

## **SYLLABUS**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** An examination of international environmental law and policy with a special focus on efforts to address climate change, including the Paris Agreement under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. This course serves as a companion to PSC 246, but PSC 246 is not a prerequisite. The goal of this course is to provide a foundational understanding of this rapidly developing field. Topics include

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of class assignments. Students will further their research, collaboration, and presentation skills through working on a group project that will enhance student understanding of how forest biodiversity, conservation, and timber resource issues and governance vary from State to State.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES: Students are encouraged to utilize academic support services: the Writing Speaking and Argument Program, <https://writing.rochester.edu> ; Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL),

## IEL Principles Reading Handout

[This Climate Deal is Good for the Economy](#) *New York Times* (Jan. 6, 2021).

AHRI Handout posted on Blackboard

Listen to: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Earth](#) (PRI November 12, 2010) 7 min.

Feb. 2 (Thurs) **Review for Test 1**

Reading: [One Overlooked Way To Fight Climate Change? Dispose of Old CFCs](#) *National Geographic Magazine*, April 29, 2019).

[Sell me your climate bombs](#)  
2020).

**Guest speaker TBC: Tim Brown, CEO and Founder of Tradewater, Chicago**

Feb 7 (Tues) -- **TEST #1: Ozone Regime and IEL Principles**

### **III. Biological Diversity, Endangered Species, and Regulating Trade in Wildlife**

Feb. 9 (Thurs) [Biological Diversity, 6<sup>th</sup> Wave of Extinction & Convention on Biological Diversity \(CBD\)](#): Biological diversity, threats to biodiversity, and the Biodiversity Convention.

Reading: *Principles of International Environmental Law*, Ch. 10 (up to Access to Genetic Resources & Benefit Sharing) (**optional**)

*Red Sky at Morn@Glodiversity Convention.*





Reading:  
executive summary.

Online

Dead Forests and Living Memories (New York Times  
Magazine, Sept. 17, 2015).

Mar. 21 (Tues)

Forest Law Enforceme)





damage, climate finance.

Reading: [Inside the Paris Climate Deal](#)

[Climate Accord is a Healing Step if Not a Cure](#)  
12, 2015)

(December 12, 2015)

Monthly Dec 16, 2015)

[Key Aspects of the Paris Agreement](#)

April 25 (Tues) [Paris Agreement ~ Future Prospects? Test 3 Review: What did Trump Administration decision to withdraw from Paris Agreement mean in a global context?](#)

[The Paris Climate Agreement Survived Trump. Can It Survive](#)  
*(Forbes, Oct 24, 2018).*

[China, in Nudge to U.S., Makes a New Promise to Tackle Global Warming](#) *New York Times, Dec. 12, 2020).*

[Why It Matters that the U.S. Rejoined the Paris Agreement](#)  
*(Fortune, Feb. 16, 2021).*

[Key to Global Climate Action](#) *Forbes, Feb. 19, 2021).*

[Six Signs of Progress Since the Adoption of the Paris Agreement](#) *(Eco-Business, Dec. 10, 2020).*

**Test #3 -- Climate Change during Finals Week**

