

University of Rochester

PSC243
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Environmental Politics
Fall 2023



I. PUBLIC POLICY

Optional:

Science.

Political³P

[Inequality in the Long Run](#)

III.A. *Environmental Problems and Solutions: Grounds for (and Against) Political Intervention* (9/7 – 9/12)

Readings:

Ronald Coase. (1960). "[The Problem of Social Cost](#)," *Journal of Law & Economics*.

Garrett Hardin. (1968). "[The Tragedy of the Commons](#)," *Science*.

Thomas A. Lambert. (2006). [The Case against Smoking Bans](#) *Regulation*. .

Christina

David Vogel. (2012). [The Politics of Precaution](#). Ch. 2.

Fredrik Carlsson, Christina Gravert, Olof Johansson-Stenman, and Verena Kurz.

[The Use of Green Nudges as an Environmental Policy Instrument](#) *Review of Economics and Policy*.

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IIIB. Environmental Problems and Solutions: Alternative Policy Solutions (9/14 - 9/19)

Readings:

Klyza and Sousa, Ch. 6.

Richard Morgenstern and Winston Harrington. (2004). [Economic Incentives versus Command and Control: What's the Best Approach for Solving Environmental Problems?](#) *Resources*.

Richard Morgenstern. (2015). [The RFF Regulatory Performance Initiative: What Have We Learned?](#) Resources for the Future Discussion Paper. For a related webcast, see <http://www.rff.org/events/event/2015-10/real-outcomes-federal-environmental-regulations-lessons-performance-data>.

John Reid, Aaron Bruner, and Alfonso Malky. (2015) [Using Economic Forces to Conserve Nature](#) *Stanford Social Innovation Review*.

[The Relative Merits of Carbon Pricing Instruments: Taxes versus Trading](#) *Review of Environmental Economics and Policy*.

Optional:

[The Regulation Dilemma: Cooperation and Conflict in Environmental Governance](#) *Public Administration Review*.

[Weighing the Value of a Ton of Pollution](#) *Regulation*.

Peter J. May and Soren C. Winter [Regulatory Enforcement Styles and Compliance](#) *Explaining Regulatory Compliance: Business Responses to Regulation*.

Sarah Stafford. (2012). [Do Carrots Work? Examining the Effectiveness of EPA's Compliance Assistance Program](#) *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*.

Cass R. Sunstein. [The Storrs Lectures: Behavioral Economics and Paternalism](#) *Yale L-rogram*

IV. *Historical Antecedents: Demand for Environmental Protection* (9/21 - 9/26)

Readings:

Klyza and Sousa, Ch. 2.

Aaron M. McCright, Chenyang [Political Polarization on Support for Government Spending on Environmental Protection in the USA, 1974-2012](#) *Social Science Research*.

Christopher J. Bosso. (2015). [Environment, Inc.](#), Ch. 2.

James Boyd and Carolyn Kousky. (2016) [Are we Becoming Greener? Trends in Environmental Desire](#) *Resources*.

[Record Party Gap on Environment-Economic Growth Tradeoff](#) *Gallup*.

[What the Data Says about](#)

VI. *The Current State of the Environment* (10/5)

Readings:

EPA Alumni Association. (2017). [*EPA Alumni Association: A Half Century of Progress*](#); Optional: Seven associated reports at www.epaalumni.org/hcp/

Karen Clay, Nicholas Z. Mullery, and Xiao Wang [*Recent Increases in Air Pollution: Evidence and Implications for Mortality*](#) *Review of Environmental Economics and Policy*.

Joseph S. Shapiro. (2022). [*Pollution Trends and US Environmental Policy: Lessons from the Past Half Century*](#) *Review of Environmental Economics and Policy*.

Optional:

[*Economic Geography and Pollution: A Comment on Environmental Policy: Lessons from the Past Half Century*](#), *Review of Environmental Economics and Policy*.

Kathleen Segerson. (2022). Evaluating US Regulations: A Comment on Joseph S.

VIIA. *Environmental Policy in the Post-Gridlocked Age: Where the Action Exception]* (10/10, 10/12)

Klyza and Sousa, Ch. 3.

[Environmental Law without Congress](#) *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law*.

Lawrence Rothenberg (2018). *Policy Success in an Age of Gridlock*.

[The Two-Week Scramble that Saved](#)
_____ *Washington Post*.

ONE PARAGRAPH ON PAPER TOPIC DUE 10/10

MIDTERM 10/24

VIIIB. *Environmental Policy in the Post-Gridlocked Age: Rulemaking and Enforcement Where the Action Is* (10/19, 10/26)

Readings:

Klyza and Sousa, Chs. 4-5.

Jeffrey S. Lubbers. (2019). [A Guide to Federal Agency Rulemaking](#), 6th ed. Part 1.

[Civil Servant Disobedience](#) *Chicago Kent Law Review*.

[Analysis](#) *Environmental Law Reporter*.
[-Benefit](#)

Nadia Popovich, et al. (2021). [The Trump Administration Rolled Back More](#) *New York Times*.

For the Biden response, see
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2021/climate-environment/biden-climate-environment-actions/>.

Lisa Heinzerling [Nondelegation on Steroids](#) *NYU Environmental Law Journal*.

Christopher Sellers, et al. (2023). [EPA Enforcement Still Struggling to Recover under Biden](#). Environmental Data & Governance Initiative.

Optional:

J [Heat Expands all Things: The Proliferation of Greenhouse Gas Regulation under the Obama Administration](#) *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy*.

R. N. L. Andrews. (2011). [The EPA at 40: An Historical Perspective](#) *Duke Environmental Law and Policy Forum*.

[Behind Closed Doors at the White House](#)

[Waxing or Waning? The Changing Patterns of Environmental Activism](#) *Environmental Politics*.

[Organized Interests and Environmental Policy](#)
Sheldon Kamieniecki and Michael R. Kraft, *Oxford Handbook of U.S. Environmental Policy*.

Otis L. Graham, Jr. (2015). [Presidents and the American Environment](#). Ch. 8.

Wayne Gray and Ronald Shadbegian [Economics of Environmental Compliance and Enforcement](#) *Review of Environmental Economics and Policy*.

Matthe [Environmental Advocacy in Washington](#)
Environmental Politics.

[Corporate Social Responsibility and the Environment](#) *Review of Environmental Economics and Policy*.

Joel A. Mintz. (2016) [Thinking Beyond Gridlock: Towards a Consistent Statutory Approach to Federal Environmental Enforcement](#)
Environmental Law.

Environmental Data & Governance Initiative. [Democratizing Data: Oversight of the EPA](#)

VIIC. Environmental Policy and Law: States and Localities *The Many Facets of Federalism* (10/31 - 11/2)

Readings:

Klyza and Sousa, Ch. 7.

Jonathan Adler [Interstate Competition and the Race to the Top](#),
Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy.

Cara Cunningham Warren. (2017) [An American Reset Safe Water & a Workable Model of Federalism](#) *Duke Environmental Law & Policy Forum*.

Daniel Fiorino and Carley A. Weted [Environmental Federalism in a Polarized Era](#) *State and Local Government Review*.

Neil D. Woods. (2020). [An](#)

Optional:

Resources.

Ted Gayer and Robert Hahn. (2005). [The Political Economy of Mercury Regulation](#) *Regulation*.

Wallace Oates. (2012). [Regulatory Federalism: Regulation in a Setting of Multi-level Government](#)

David Vogel, Michael Toffel, Diahanna Post, and Nazli Z. Uludere Aragon. (2012) [Environmental Federalism in the European Union and the United States](#).

Risk, *Science*.

Ray Galvin, and Noel Healy [The Green New Deal in the United States: What it is and How to Pay for it](#) *Energy Research & Social Science*.

Bernard D. Goldstein. (2021)
the Vulnerabilities of EPA's Science-Based Regulatory Processes:
Changing the Consensus Processes of Science into the Confrontational
Health Matrix.

Alan J. Krupnick, Arthur Fraas, and Justine Huetteman

Optional:

Harvard

Environmental Law Review.

Climate Policy.

Climate Dead End through Pledge and Review? *Paris: Beyond the
Politics and
Governance.*

[The Evolution and
Governance Architecture of the United Nations Climate Change Regime
in Global Climate Policy.](#)

Stefano Carattini, Simon Levin, and Alessandro Tavoni
Review of Environmental Economics and Policy.

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American Economics Review.

Journal of Political Economy.

Science.

The Economics of Biodiversity: The Dasgupta Review (2021).

[Setting the Paris Agreement in Motion](#)

Resources Institute.

Resources Magazine

World Resources Institute. *State of Climate Action 2022.*

XI. Where Have We Been and What Lies Ahead (12/7 12/12; **PAPERS DUE 12/12**)

Readings:

Klyza and Sousa, Ch. 8-9.