

NR 5884 TS: Climate Change Policy
Offered: Even-numbered Summer (12-week) Semester

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REQUIRED TEXT: All readings will be provided by the instructor.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course focuses on institutional responses to climate change at the international, national, and sub-national levels, including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol, and U.S. climate policymaking under the Clean Air Act and state and regional initiatives. Both mitigation and adaptation approaches will be addressed, as well as climate geoengineering.

SUBJECT MATTER:

- International climate regimes:
 - UNFCCC
 - Kyoto Protocol
 - Potential successor to UNFCCC
- The role of REDD+ in addressing climate change
- US climate law: The role of the Clean Air Act
- US climate law: Regional and state approaches
- Plan B? The potential role of climate “geoengineering”