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1. New Publications – Books and Articles

1.1 Books (Abstracts Included)


Following the 2015 Paris climate agreement, the global politics of climate change depends more than ever on national climate policies and the actions of cities, businesses, and other non-state actors, as well as the transnational governance networks that link them. *The Comparative Politics of Transnational Climate Governance* sheds new light on these critical trends by exploring how domestic political, economic, and social forces systematically shape patterns of non-state actor participation in transnational climate initiatives. The book develops a common conceptual framework and uses a unique data set to explore the interplay between transnational and domestic politics and how these interactions shape the incentives and modalities of participation in transnational governance. The contributing chapters explore the role of cities, non-governmental organizations, companies, carbon markets, and regulations, as well as broader questions of effectiveness and global governance. Bringing together some of the foremost experts in the field of global governance and environmental politics, this book significantly advances our understanding of transnational governance and provides new insights for policymakers seeking to address the problem of climate change.


This handbook gathers a diverse group of leading scholars of water politics and policy. Authors were tasked to present forward-looking chapters in their areas of expertise, flagging key trends in both research and practice. The volume is organized into six sections: poverty, rights, and ethics; food, energy, and water; water and the politics of scale; law, economics, and water management; the politics of transboundary water; and the politics of water knowledge. Cross-cutting themes include governance challenges rooted in the mobility, unpredictability, and public-goods dimensions of water; tensions and synergies among equity, efficiency, and sustainability; the distributive consequences of water governance; the design and performance of water institutions; and the implications of climate change.


Growing instances of flooding, population displacement, and pollution suggest an urgent need to re-examine the ways social and geographical spaces are perceived and valued in the 21st Century. *Ecological Exile* explores how contemporary culture confronts ecological crises through perspectives of spatial justice – a facet of social justice that looks at unjust circumstances as a phenomenon of space. Maintaining that ecological crises are largely socially produced, this book considers how representations of cultural texts (literature, media, film, visual culture) mobilize and educate populations about spatial injustices resulting from fossil fuel production and the effects of climate change.
This book offers a new spatial perspective in the environmental humanities by focusing on what the philosopher Glenn Albrecht has termed "solastalgia" – a feeling of homesickness caused by environmental damage. The result of solastalgia is that people feel paradoxically ecologically exiled in the places they continue to live because of destructive environmental changes. Gladwin traces spatially produced instances of ecological injustice that literally and imaginatively abolish people’s sense of place (or place-home). By looking at two of the most pressing social and environmental concerns – oil and climate – *Ecological Exile* shows how literary and visual texts have documented spatially unjust effects of solastalgia.


Climate change governance is in a state of enormous flux. New and more dynamic forms of governing are appearing around the international climate regime centred on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). They appear to be emerging spontaneously from the bottom up, producing a more dispersed pattern of governing, which Nobel Laureate Elinor Ostrom famously described as 'polycentric'. This book brings together contributions from some of the world's foremost experts to provide the first systematic test of the ability of polycentric thinking to explain and enhance societal attempts to govern climate change. It is ideal for researchers in public policy, international relations, environmental science, environmental management, politics, law and public administration. It will also be useful on advanced courses in climate policy and governance, and for practitioners seeking incisive summaries of developments in particular sub-areas and sectors. This title is also available as Open Access on Cambridge Core.


In his new textbook, political economist Ray Miller analyzes the environment as one of the major global issues from three perspectives: free market, institutionalist, and Marxist. The institutionalist section includes ecological economist Herman Daly’s critique of neoclassical economics and top proposals from Paul Hawken’s plan to reverse global warming.


This thought-provoking and clearly argued text provides a critical geopolitical lens for understanding global environment politics. A subfield of political geography, environmental geopolitics examines how environmental themes are used to support geopolitical arguments and physical realities of power and place. Shannon O’Lear considers common, problematic traits of such familiar but widely misunderstood narratives about human-environment relationships. Mainstream themes about human-environment relationships include narratives about presumed connections between human population trends and resource scarcity; ways in which conflict and violence are linked to resource use or environmental degradation; climate security; and the application of science to solve environmental problems. O'Lear questions these narratives, arguing that the role or meaning of the environment is rarely specified, humans’ role in these situations tends to be considered selectively, and little attention is paid to spatial dimensions of human-environment relationships. She shows that how we tend to think about environmental
concerns often obscure value judgments and constrain more dynamic approaches to human-environment relationships. Environmental geopolitics demonstrates how we can question familiar assumptions to generate more just and creative approaches to our many relationships with the environment.

1.2 Journal Articles, Special Journal Issues, Reports, and Book Chapters


Downie, C., & Williams, M. After the Paris Agreement: What role for the BRICS in global climate governance? *Global Policy, 0*(0). doi:10.1111/1758-5899.12550


Tiller, R., & Nyman, E. (2018). Ocean plastics and the BBNJ treaty—is plastic frightening enough to insert itself into the BBNJ treaty, or do we need to wait for a treaty of its own?. Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences, 1-5.


2. Career Resources – Faculty Positions, Workshops, Professional Development Resources

2.1 Faculty Positions

Professor, School of Regulation and Global Governance, Australian National University

RegNet seeks a world renowned scholar and academic leader in the field of Regulation and Governance, to join an established interdisciplinary School. Currently we work in the following thematic areas: Climate, Energy & the Environment; Law, Justice and Human Rights; Society, Safety & Health; Trade, Investment & Intellectual Property. We welcome new research direction.

The Professor will play a leading role in all RegNet activities and will be part of the leadership team within RegNet. In addition to undertaking internationally acclaimed research, the Professor will teach across the education programs, and supervise research students.

2.2 Workshops, Featured Conferences, and Professional Development Programs

Contemplative Environmental Practice: Retreat for Educators & Activists
24 – 30 July 2018 | Lama Foundation, San Cristobal, New Mexico
Cost: $1050 (includes everything) | Graduate students: $880 | Need-based scholarships available

How can we best teach in an ecologically unraveling world? How can we personally, politically, and pedagogically find more meaning in our environmental efforts?

This summer, deepen your commitment to environmental education and action. Contemplative Environmental Practice is a week-long workshop for educators and activists that explores how reflective practices—such as meditation, yoga, journal writing, art, and nature walks—can enhance our teaching and advocacy efforts. Set in the mountains of New Mexico at an off-grid retreat center, we will probe the depths of environmental challenges, tap into our aspirations for all life, and develop skills for deepening our environmental commitments.

No prior experience in meditation or other contemplative practices is necessary. For more information visit www.earthlovego.org

2018 Utrecht Conference on Earth System Governance
5-8 November 2018 | Utrecht, The Netherlands

The registration for the 2018 annual Conference on Earth System Governance is now open. The conference is organised around the theme of ‘Governing Global Sustainability in a Complex World’ and will focus on harvesting the many findings of our community over the last decade, combined with a bold outlook to the future and the next scientific challenges for earth system governance research.

To register, please go to the conference website. With the registration for the conference, you can also register for the special taskforce and meeting day on Thursday, 8 November 2018.
3. Calls for Papers

3.1 Journal Submissions

Timely commentaries on Current Debates in Journal of Land Use Science

The Journal of Land Use Science is looking to publish timely commentaries on current debates.

Format:
Short (2,000 – 3,000 word) manuscripts that take a side on a controversial issue – please present a strong position supported by evidence. Please review journal’s aims and scope to align your paper to fit.

Potential topics include:
- Conservation policy (e.g., “land sparing vs. land sharing”)
- International land governance, from territory to flows?
- Land-based mitigation and adaptation to climate change
- Biodiversity in the anthropocene
- Health and land use
- Connections between land systems and other systems such as climate, hydrological, ecological
- Land change in understudied ecosystems (floodplains, wetlands, secondary forests)
- Big Data in land-use science
- “Illicit” land uses

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Asian Journal of Peacebuilding

Asian Journal of Peacebuilding (AJP) welcomes submissions of papers written on conflict and peacebuilding issues around the world. Exemplary topics that AJP focuses on include but are not limited to: impact of climate change; environmental politics; reconciliation in divided societies or nations; migrants and refugees; anti-nuclear movements; historical and territorial disputes; ethnic and religious conflicts; violence and transitional justice; gender issues at conflict zones; democratic transition and human rights; and humanitarian assistance and intervention.

AJP is a peer-reviewed journal published by the Institute for Peace and Unification Studies (IPUS) at Seoul National University. The contents of the Journal are available or abstracted at
EBSCOhost™ Political Science, EBSCOhost™ Academic Search, ProQuest Political Science, ProQuest Social Science, Sociological Abstracts, Worldwide Political Science Abstracts, and International Political Science Abstracts.

Deadlines is December 31 for the May issue, and June 30 for the November issue. The length of a research article should be between 6,000 and 10,000 words, including abstract, notes, and references. A research note should be no longer than 6,000 words. For the submission guidelines in detail, see the website.

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*Nature Sustainability*

Launched in January 2018, *Nature Sustainability* will publish research contributing to a deep understanding of the ways in which we organize our lives in a finite world and the multiple impacts our actions have. Beyond fundamental research, the journal will attract studies of policies and solutions to ensure human well-being now and in the future. Its aim is to facilitate important cross-disciplinary dialogues to respond to the greatest challenges of our time.

The journal is now welcoming submissions. Please visit their website for further information.

**3.2 Conference Submissions**

**2018 ISA Northeeast Annual Conference**
2-3 November 2018 | Baltimore, Maryland

The ISA-Northeast invites paper and panel proposals on any topic substantively related to world politics. ISA-NE expressly welcomes research from the full range of approaches to and philosophies of international studies, including those using critical, normative, poststructuralist, and post-humanist lenses.

We especially encourage paper, panel, and roundtable proposals on subjects related to this year’s conference theme: **World Politics in The Digital Age**. Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- New capabilities and vulnerabilities affecting inter-state relations
- Emerging challenges in global governance
- The impact of populist impulses, social movements, and non-state actors
- Pressures on traditional sources of truth, authority, and expertise
- The power of algorithms, hashtags, and viral images
- Efforts to theorize and historicize the networks, systems, technologies, and practices shaping world politics in the twenty-first century

The deadline for paper/panel submissions is June 24, 2018.
The ISA Southern Region is happy to announce its 2018 annual conference, to be held October 12-13 in Ashland, VA. The theme of this year’s meeting is “International Studies in an Increasingly Complex World”. ISA-South encourages submissions related to the theme, though paper, panel and roundtable proposals on any topic relating to international studies are welcome. Submissions from those in academia, government, non-governmental organizations, the armed forces, and other entities are all strongly encouraged to apply.

The deadline for paper/panel submissions is July 6, 2018.

4. Upcoming Events – Conferences and Courses

4.1 Conferences

2018 ISA West Annual Conference
21-22 September 2018 | Pasadena, California

2018 ISA South Annual Conference
12-13 October 2018 | Ashland, Virginia

2018 ISA Northeast Annual Conference
2-3 November 2018 | Baltimore, Maryland

2018 Utrecht Conference on Earth System Governance
5-8 November 2018 | Utrecht, The Netherlands

4.2 Workshops and Courses

2018 Summer Institute on Critical Studies of Environmental Governance
12-16 July 2018 | Toronto, Canada

Contemplative Environmental Practice: Retreat for Educators & Activists
24 – 30 July 2018 | Lama Foundation, San Cristobal, New Mexico

Utrecht Winter School on Earth System Governance 2018
31 Oct-4 November 2018 | Utrecht, The Netherlands
5. Awards – Annual ISA Convention ESS Awards, Awards Received by ESS Members, Election Results

5.1 2018 Annual ISA Convention in Baltimore – ESS Award Winners

**Distinguished Scholar Award:**

The Distinguished Scholar Award of the Environmental Studies Section of the International Studies Association recognizes outstanding scholars whose long history of excellent research and teaching has had substantial impact on fields associated with international relations and environmental issues.

This year, the ESS is proud to announce Dr. Jennifer Clapp, University of Waterloo as its Distinguished Scholar 2018.

**The Harold and Margaret Sprout Award:**

The Sprout Award goes to the best book on international environmental politics:

- **Winner:** Carl Death (carl.death@manchester.ac.uk), University of Manchester: *The Green State in Africa* (Yale University Press)

  **Abstract:** From climate-related risks such as crop failure and famine to longer-term concerns about sustainable urbanization, environmental justice, and biodiversity conservation, African states face a range of environmental issues. As Carl Death demonstrates, the ways in which they are addressing them have important political ramifications, and challenge current understandings of green politics. Death draws on almost a decade of research to reveal how central African environmental politics are to the transformation of African states.

- **Honourable Mentions:**
  - Kemi Fuentes George, Middlebury College: *Between Preservation and Exploitation: Transnational Advocacy Networks and Conservation in Developing Countries* (MIT Press)
Graduate Student Paper Award:

- **Winner:** Saskia van Wees, University of Florida; “Normative Pressure and Environmental Governance”

van Wees’s paper explores explanations to various states’ diverging reactions to normative pressure, where we observe that some states embrace Western norms on environmental protection, while other states ignore them or simply dismiss them as tools of imperialism.

The paper builds on recent critical constructivist work to examine characteristics internal to states, such as state capacity, economic position, civil society pressures, press freedom, and constructions of identity; for example—can we better understand why some states are more or less responsive to normative criticism related to environmental governance.

- **Runner-up:**
  - Abby Lindsay, American University: “Social Learning as an Adaptive Measure to Prepare for Climate Change Impacts on Water Provision in Peru”

5.2 Awards Received by ESS Members

Fulbright Artic Chair Award (2018-2019):

Senior Researcher **Rachel Tiller** received the prestigious [Fulbright Artic Chair Award for 2018-2019](#). She will be a Visiting Scholar at the Maritime Studies Program at Texas A&M University at Galveston. During her stay, she will research political questions around the topic of the Arctic in light of climate change and a new treaty under negotiation for the next two years, the BBNJ treaty (Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction).

ERC Advanced Grant:

**Frank Biermann** (Copernicus Institute, Utrecht University) has been awarded an ERC Advanced Grant to conduct research on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The ERC Advanced Grant is the European Research Council’s highest personal grant and awarded annually to senior researchers whose groundbreaking work opens up new directions in their field. Read more [here](#).
5.3 ESS Officers 2018-2019

Congratulations to this year's elected ESS Officers!

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