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1. New Publications

1.1 Books (Abstracts Included)

Adelle, C., Biedenkopf, K., & Torney, D. (Eds). (2018). [*European Union external environmental policy: Rules, regulation and governance beyond borders*](#). The European Union in International Affairs. Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave Macmillan.

The book considers the environmental policies that the EU employs outside its borders. Using a systematic and coherent approach to cover a range of EU activities, environmental issues, and geographical areas, it charts the EU's attempts to shape environmental governance beyond its borders.

Key questions addressed include: What environmental norms, rules and policies does the EU seek to promote outside its territory? What types of activities does the EU engage in to pursue

these objectives? How successful is the EU in achieving its external environmental policy objectives? What factors explain the degree to which the EU attains its goals?

Andonova, L. B. (2017). [*Governance Entrepreneurs. International organizations and the rise of global public-private partnerships*](#). Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

Global partnerships have transformed international institutions by creating platforms for direct collaboration with NGOs, foundations, companies and local actors. They introduce a model of governance that is decentralized, networked and voluntary, and which melds public purpose with private practice. How can we account for such substantial institutional change in a system made by states and for states? Governance Entrepreneurs examines the rise and outcomes of global partnerships across multiple policy domains: human rights, health, environment, sustainable development and children. It argues that international organizations have played a central role as entrepreneurs of such governance innovation in coalition with pro-active states and non-state actors, yet this entrepreneurship is risky and success is not assured. This is the first study to leverage comprehensive quantitative and qualitative analysis that illuminates the variable politics and outcomes of public-private partnerships across multilateral institutions, including the UN Secretariat, the World Bank, UNEP, the WHO and UNICEF.

Dauvergne, P. (2018). [*Will big business destroy our planet?*](#) Cambridge, UK: Polity.

Walmart. Coca-Cola. BP. Toyota. The world economy runs on the profits of transnational corporations. Politicians need their backing. Non-profit organizations rely on their philanthropy. People look to their brands for meaning. And their power continues to rise.

This short, essay-style book evaluates the benefits and limits of corporate social responsibility, highlighting the risks of relying on big business to solve global environmental problems. Peter Dauvergne challenges the claim that big businesses can end the mounting global environmental crisis, arguing instead that corporations are still doing far more to destroy than protect our planet. Trusting big business to lead sustainability is, he cautions, unwise — perhaps even catastrophic. Planetary sustainability will require reining in the power of big business, starting now.

Suitable for undergraduate students, exam copies for instructors are available [online](#).

DeSombre, E. R. (2018). [*Why good people do bad environmental things*](#). Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press

No one sets out to intentionally cause environmental problems. All things being equal, we are happy to protect environmental resources; in fact, we tend to prefer our air cleaner and our species protected. But despite not wanting to create environmental problems, we all do so regularly in the course of living our everyday lives. Why do we behave in ways that cause environmental harm?

It is often easy and inexpensive to behave in ways with bad environmental consequences, but more difficult and costly to take environmentally friendly actions. The incentives we face, some created by the nature of environmental resources, some by social and political structures, often do not make environmentally beneficial behavior the most likely choice. Furthermore, our

behavior is conditioned by habits and social norms that fail to take environmental protection into consideration.

In this book, Elizabeth R. DeSombre integrates research from political science, sociology, psychology, and economics to understand why bad environmental behavior makes perfect sense. As she notes, there is little evidence that having more information about environmental problems or the way an individual's actions contribute to them changes behavior in meaningful ways, and lack of information is rarely the underlying cause that connects behavior to harm. In some cases such knowledge may even backfire, as people come to see themselves as powerless to address huge global problems and respond by pushing these issues out of their minds. The fact that causing environmental problems is never anyone's primary goal means that people are happy to stop causing them if the alternative behavior still accomplishes their underlying goals. If we can figure out why those problems are caused, when no one intends to cause them, we can develop strategies that work to shift behavior in a positive direction. Over the course of this book, DeSombre considers the role of structure, incentives, information, habit, and norms on behavior in order to formulate lessons about how these factors lead to environmentally problematic behavior, and what understanding their effects can tell us about ways to change behavior. To prevent or address environmental problems, we have to understand why even good people do bad environmental things.

Kamau, M., Chasek, P. & O'Connor, D. (2018). [*Transforming multilateral diplomacy: The inside story of the sustainable development goals*](#). New York, NY: Routledge.

Transforming Multilateral Diplomacy provides the inside view of the negotiations that produced the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Not only did this process mark a sea change in how the UN conducts multilateral diplomacy, it changed the way the UN does its business. This book tells the story of the people, issues, negotiations, and paradigm shifts that unfolded through the Open Working Group (OWG) on SDGs and the subsequent negotiations on the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, from the unique point of view of key participants from governments, the UN Secretariat, and civil society.

Richardson, B. J. (2017). [*Time and environmental law: Telling nature's time*](#). Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

Disciplined by industrial clock time, modern life distances people from nature's biorhythms such as its ecological, evolutionary, and climatic processes. The law is complicit in numerous ways. It compresses time through 'fast-track' legislation and accelerated resource exploitation. It suffers from temporal inertia, such as 'grandfathering' existing activities that limits the law's responsiveness to changing circumstances. Insouciance about past ecological damage, and neglect of its restoration, are equally serious temporal flaws: we cannot live sustainably while Earth remains degraded and unrepaired.

Applying international and interdisciplinary perspectives on these issues, *Time and Environmental Law* explores how to align law with the ecological 'timescape' and enable humankind to 'tell nature's time'. Lending insight into environmental behaviour and impacts, this book pioneers a new understanding of environmental law for all societies, and makes recommendations for its reform. Minding nature, not the clock, requires regenerating Earth, adapting to its changes, and living more slowly.

Wettestad, J. & Gulbrandsen, L. H. (eds.). (2018). [*The evolution of carbon markets: Design and diffusion*](#). Transforming Environmental Politics and Policy. London, UK: Routledge.

Carbon markets are developing and expanding around the world, but how and to what extent is their design shaped by learning and interaction between them? How do these markets function and what is the role of design?

Carrying out a ground-breaking analysis of their design and diffusion, this book covers all the major carbon market systems and processes around the world: the EU, RGGI, California, Tokyo, New Zealand, Australia, China, South Korea and Kazakhstan. It offers a systematic, in-depth discussion and comparison of the key design features in these systems with expert contributors exploring how, and to what extent, these features have been shaped by central policy diffusion mechanisms and domestic politics.

By focusing on the specific design features of the instruments used, this volume makes important contributions to diffusion theory, highlighting how ETS diffusion processes more often have resulted in design divergence than convergence, and discussing the implications of this finding for the vision of linked systems in the post-Paris era. It will be of significant interest to a broad audience interested in the emergence, evolution, functioning and interaction of carbon markets.

1.2 Journal Articles, Reports, and Book Chapters

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

2.1 ISA 2018 – Workshops and Panels

ESS Speed Mentoring at ISA in San Francisco

4 April 2018, 8:15 – 10:00 AM | Hilton San Francisco Union Square

Calling all grad students, post-docs, assistant professors and those recently post-tenure: ESS Speed-Mentoring (Wednesday morning, in the A Panel Slot at the ISA Conference) is for you!

Do you want to have chats with senior scholars on issues related to teaching, publishing, applying for jobs, getting ready for tenure or figuring out your post-tenure career? Here is your opportunity. You'll have the chance to visit one or more themed tables where experienced academics are prepared to give you individual or collective advice about these topics -- pick your topic, get some quick mentoring (ask specific questions, or ask for general advice), and then when the bell rings choose a different table. All you need to do is show up, but if you have questions, feel free to contact Beth DeSombre (edesombr@wellesley.edu). A reason to ensure you get to ISA right at the beginning of the conference!

CryptoParty: Encryption for Academics

5 April 2018, 1:45-3:30PM | Plaza B, Hilton San Francisco Union Square



This innovative session is based on the already existing format of decentralized, public CryptoParties taking place all over the world. CryptoParties aim to introduce participants to basic cryptographic tools and how to operate them. Anyone interested in learning about encryption can in the course of such a meeting be taught from others who are already familiar with respective methods. Encryption technologies are increasingly demanded within the higher education profession. They are needed to comply with institutional requirements or when conducting fieldwork in conflict zones. They allow scholars to secure research data and protect vulnerable participants. The proposed event ties on from last year's CryptoParty and the roundtable on "Encryption, Online Surveillance and Censorship in Academia" at ISA Baltimore. Some of the topics which are going to be covered include the Tor anonymity network and public key encryption (PGP/GPG). The innovative panel will involve a short introductory presentation, and quickly move on to hands-on training. Participants will be able to get one-on-one support from others. No prior knowledge and skills on the subject-matter are required, but attendees will need to bring their personal, rather than institutional laptop to be able to effectively participate and be eligible to install software packages.

Fellow-panelists include Ronald Deibert (University of Toronto), Damien Van Puyvelde (University of Glasgow), Madeline Carr (University College London), and Aaron F. Brantly (Virginia Tech).

The workshop will be supported by a representative of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, an international non-profit digital rights group based in San Francisco, California

2.2 Professional Development Programs

2018 Utrecht Winter School on Earth System Governance

31 October – 4 November 2018 | Utrecht, The Netherlands

The 2018 Utrecht Winter School on Earth System Governance is designed to function as an incubator for early career researchers working with the new earth system governance research agenda. The aim is to critically reflect on the new research agenda and start taking it forward by facilitating early career researchers' work connected to this agenda.

Deadline for applications is 16 April 2018.

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

The Leopold Writers Program

The Leopold Writers Program offers month-long residencies at the Aldo and Estella Leopold cabin in northern New Mexico. Residencies are open to professional environmental writers, including graduate students as well as professors. In addition to accommodating writers in the cabin, the program offers a modest stipend. You can find more information [here](#).

ALDO & ESTELLA LEOPOLD RESIDENCY



An inspiring retreat for environmental writers and thinkers interested in reshaping the cultural story about the relationship between humans and Nature.

Includes: a one month residency at the Leopolds' historic Mi Casita, stipend, and Taos community presentation.



To apply visit: <https://www.leopoldwritingprogram.org/residency-program/>

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 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:

- ☐ 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
- ☐ Feel free to suggest your own!

TO RESPOND TO THIS CALL: please send a short email of intent to the Editors in Chief:

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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.

Email: asianjournalofpeacebuilding@gmail.com | Website: <http://tongil.snu.ac.kr/xe/ajp>

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](#).

4. Upcoming Events – Conferences and Courses

4.1 Conferences

2018 Annual Convention of the International Studies Association

4-7 April 2018 | San Francisco, CA

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

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