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1. New Publications

1.1 Books (Abstracts Included)

Dalby, S., Horton, S., Mahon, R., & Thomaz D. (Eds.). (2019). [*Achieving the sustainable development goals: Global governance challenges*](#). London, UK: Routledge.

This book draws on the expertise of faculty and colleagues at the Balsillie School of International Affairs to both locate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a contribution to the development of global government and to examine the political-institutional and financial challenges posed by the SDGs.

The contributors are experts in global governance issues in a broad variety of fields ranging from health, food systems, social policy, migration and climate change. An introductory chapter sets out the broad context of the governance challenges involved, and how individual chapters

contribute to the analysis. The book begins by focusing on individual SDGs, examining briefly the background to the particular goal and evaluating the opportunities and challenges (particularly governance challenges) in achieving the goal, as well as discussing how this goal relates to other SDGs. The book goes on to address the broader issues of achieving the set of goals overall, examining the novel financing mechanisms required for an enterprise of this nature, the trade-offs involved (particularly between the urgent climate agenda and the social/economic goals), the institutional arrangements designed to enable the achievement of the goals and offering a critical perspective on the enterprise as a whole.

Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals makes a distinctive contribution by covering a broad range of individual goals with contributions from experts on governance in the global climate, social and economic areas as well as providing assessments of the overall project – its financial feasibility, institutional requisites, and its failures to tackle certain problems at the core. This book will be of great interest to scholars and students of international affairs, development studies and sustainable development, as well as those engaged in policymaking nationally, internationally and those working in NGOs.

Peterson, M.J. (Ed.). (2019). [*Contesting global environmental knowledge, norms, and governance*](#). Routledge Series on Transforming Environmental Politics, and Policy. London and New York: Routledge.

Through theoretical discussions and case studies, this volume explores how processes of contestation about knowledge, norms, and governance processes shape efforts to promote sustainability through international environmental governance.

The epistemic communities literature of the 1990s highlighted the importance of expert consensus on scientific knowledge for problem definition and solution specification in international environmental agreements. This book addresses a gap in this literature – insufficient attention to the multiple forms of contestation that also inform international environmental governance. These forms include within-discipline contestation that helps forge expert consensus, inter-disciplinary contestation regarding the types of expert knowledge needed for effective response to environmental problems, normative and practical arguments about the proper roles of experts and laypersons, and contestation over how to combine globally developed norms and scientific knowledge with locally prevalent norms and traditional knowledge in ways ensuring effective implementation of environmental policies. This collection advances understanding of the conditions under which contestation facilitates or hinders the development of effective global environmental governance. The contributors examine how attempts to incorporate more than one stream of expert knowledge and to include lay knowledge alongside it have played out in efforts to create and maintain multilateral agreements relating to environmental concerns.

Scobie, M. (2019). [*Global environmental governance and small states: Architectures and agency in the Caribbean*](#). New Horizons in Environmental Politics series. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.

The book is an in depth analysis of global environmental governance and Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in the context of transformative environmental change in the Anthropocene. It explains how and where regional and local economic, geophysical and historical

contexts and scales interact with global environmental governance actors, norms, regimes and architectures to determine the nature of SIDS' environmental policy and governance arrangements particularly in the areas of climate change, tourism, marine governance, energy security, cultural heritage and trade.

Book's key contributions:

- Study of global environmental governance in the Anthropocene and Caribbean Small Island Developing States
- Analysis of environmental norm penetration and contestation within local economic, social, historical, geophysical and development contexts
- Analysis of the relevance of scale, size, power in global and regional environmental governance and politics
- Impact of non-state actors and new forms and forums of governance on environmental policy and outcomes in SIDS, particularly in the areas of climate change, tourism, marine governance, energy security, cultural heritage and trade
- Small states perspectives on international environmental politics and governance of climate change, tourism, marine governance, energy security, cultural heritage and trade

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

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- Hopewell, Kristen. (2019). [How rising powers create governance gaps: The case of export credit and the environment](#). *Global Environmental Politics*, 19(1), 34-52.
- Hopewell, Kristen. (2019). [US-China conflict in global trade governance: The new politics of agricultural subsidies at the WTO](#). *Review of International Political Economy*, 26(2), 207-231.
- Hsueh, L. (2019). [Corporations at a crossroads: How multilevel governance interactions shape participation and effort in private governance regimes](#). *Governance*. Online First, 1-46.
- Kakenmaster, W. (2019). [Articulating resistance: Agonism, radical democracy and climate change activism](#). *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*. Online First, 1-25.
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- Pacheco-Vega, R. (2019). [\(Re\)theorizing the politics of bottled water: Water insecurity in the context of weak regulatory regimes](#). *Water*, 11(4), 638-654.
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2. Career Resources – Faculty Positions, Workshops, Professional Development Resources

2.1 Career Opportunities

Volunteer Position

[Knowledge Lab at the Centre for Multilateral Negotiations \(CEMUNE\)](#)

The Centre for Multilateral Negotiations (CEMUNE) in Hamburg, Germany is looking for interested candidates (e.g. former or current PhD students) for volunteer positions in our ‘Knowledge Hub’ where we systematize and make available practical knowledge on facilitation of multilateral environmental and trade negotiations. The positions are unpaid but provide insights into the key elements of negotiations, great teamwork experience, and exposure to other CEMUNE activities, including advisory activities and workshops. We also offer access to a diverse network of scholars, officials and negotiators worldwide. Our staff and Advisory Board members are based in several countries, and volunteers will work from their home base for a limited number of hours per week (team calls via Skype).

If you are interested in learning more or participating, contact johanna.weberhofer@cemune.org

2.2 Resources for Teaching or Research

[Webinar: Capturing Leadership: Policies for the US to Advance Direct Air Capture Technology](#)

14 June, 2019 | Institute for Carbon Removal Law and Policy

On Friday, June 14, at 12pm EDT, the Institute will hold a webinar, in which Dr. Wil Burns will interview John Larsen, the lead author of a new report released by the Rhodium Group, entitled [Capturing Leadership: Policies for the US to Advance Direct Air Capture Technology](#)

The report, commissioned by Carbon180, the Linden Trust for Conservation, and the ClimateWorks Foundation, assesses the potential role that Direct Air Capture may play in a decarbonized future in the United States, costs, and actions that are needed to incentivize deployment at scale.

The webinar will include a brief introduction of the report by John Larsen, followed by a few guided questions, and then we’ll open it up to audience questions.

[Registration for the webinar](#) will close at 11:59pm EDT on June 13th.

We hope that many of you can join us to discuss a topic of rapidly increasing interest among climate stakeholders.

[Webinar Series on Carbon Dioxide Removal](#)

[American University School of International Service Centers Carbon Removal Law & Policy](#)

The Assessing Carbon Removal webinar series will bring together experts to examine particular carbon removal technologies. Institute staff and guest speakers will explain and contextualize what we know about carbon removal options, as well as the research necessary to thoroughly assess the technical, legal, and social considerations of carbon removal technologies as a potential element of a climate response portfolio.

Latest Webinar:

Can healthy soils help the world tackle climate change? Soil holds three times the amount of carbon dioxide currently in the atmosphere. And, methods of soil carbon sequestration are already in widespread use. But, how do we build the capacity to decide what kind and how much of a particular soil carbon removal effort is appropriate in any particular context? During this webinar, experts of soil carbon sequestration provide a scientific overview of this form of carbon removal as well as examine its benefits, risks, and uncertainties.

Past Webinars:

- What We Know and Don't Know about Negative Emissions
- Assessing Carbon Dioxide Removal
- Potential Role of Carbon Removal in the IPCC's 1.5 Degree Special Report
- NAS "Negative Emissions Technologies and Reliable Sequestration: A Research Agenda" Report

3. Call for Submissions – Journals, Conferences

3.1 Journal Submissions

[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](#).

[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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3.2 Conference Submissions

[ISA West Conference 2019](#)

27-28 September 2019 | Pasadena, CA, U.S.A.

The International Studies Association West region is pleased to announce our 2019 annual conference, September 27-28, in Pasadena, California, USA. ISA-West invites paper, panel and roundtable proposals on any subject related to international studies, broadly defined.

We strongly encourage paper, panel and roundtable proposals on subjects related to this year's continuing conference theme: *Breaking Down Barriers, Dismantling Walls*.

In recent years, increased connectivity and globalization have seemingly reversed. Across both the developed and developing world, we have observed a spike in nationalism and anti-immigrant rhetoric. In our classrooms and on our campuses, we have observed heightened tensions and divisions as well as opportunities to bridge the divides and offer refuge during confusing and turbulent times. Thus, as international relations scholars, we are tasked with posing questions and fostering climates that help us better understand a divided and contentious world.

The deadline for all paper/panel submissions is Friday, June 21, 2019.

[ISA South Conference 2019](#)

4 – 5 October 2019 | Memphis, Tennessee, U.S.A.

The International Studies Association-South returns to Memphis, TN for its 2019 annual meeting to be held at Rhodes College on October 4-5, 2019.

ISA-South invites paper, panel and roundtable proposals on any subject related to international studies, broadly defined, and strongly encourages submissions on subjects related to the conference theme: *Think Locally, Act Globally*.

It aims to highlight connections between local developments and global affairs, to promote activism that links the two dimensions especially in (but not limited to) areas such as migration, human rights, and the environment, and to uncover the political, economic, social, educational and technological mechanisms for doing so. Hugging the mighty Mississippi, the city of Memphis boasts the National Civil Rights Museum which attendees will visit as part of their conference participation, the Blues Hall of Fame, the Rock 'n Soul Museum, a lively entertainment district on Beale Street, the legendary Sun Studio, Elvis Presley's Graceland mansion, the tenth tallest pyramid in the world, and so much more.

Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Migration and human rights
- Democracies in danger
- Environmental problems and their global consequences
- New economic capabilities and vulnerabilities affecting inter-state relations
- Emerging challenges in global governance
- The impact of populist impulses, social movements, and non-state actors
- War, terrorism and regional security
- Social problems and regional governance approaches

The deadline for all paper/panel submissions is Friday, June 21, 2019.

[Science, Health and Engineering Policy and Diplomacy \(SPD\) Conference](#)

23 – 25 October 2019 | Tuscon, AZ, U.S.A.

Climate change, global epidemics, water resource drought and flood extremes and biodiversity loss are just a few of the transboundary challenges that require transdisciplinary approaches to resolve. There is a pressing need to develop responsive policies based on state-of-the-art science, health and engineering expertise. To that end, The University of Arizona is pleased to announce and welcome participation in our upcoming meeting.

This forum will convene local and international policymakers, diplomats, scientists, engineers, medical researchers, and health professionals to discuss opportunities and successes in this critical and emerging field. Topics will be addressed broadly, with a focus on sustainable development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Papers for presentation are solicited through June 30, 2019. We will also accept proposals for full sessions, and registration fees will be reduced for session organizers. Awards will be given for the three best papers. All complete papers will be considered for publication in the conference proceedings.

The two-day conference will open on the evening of October 23. Dr. E. William Colglazier, former Science and Technology Adviser for the U.S. Department of State, will lead a panel of eminent scientist-diplomats who will offer high-level perspectives on the SPD field's history and future. The next two days will feature a mixture of keynote speakers and general conference sessions. Of note, to promote student involvement and the next generation of policy-supporting scientists, a panel of AAAS fellows will discuss SPD career opportunities.

Registration opens on June 1st

All [abstract submissions](#) are due by Thursday June 20, 2019

For additional questions, contact us at SPD2019@email.arizona.edu

[ISA Northeast Annual Conference](#)

8 – 9 November 2019 | Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.A.

The annual conference of the International Studies Association-Northeast (ISA-NE) will be held on November 8-9 at the Hilton, Providence, Rhode Island. ISA-NE invites paper and panel proposals on any topic substantively related to world politics.

At this year's conference, we especially encourage paper, panel, and roundtable proposals on subjects related to this year's conference theme: *Innovation, Technoscience and Planetary Times*

Much of the contemporary technoscience debate has focused on innovation in sociotechnical systems (i.e., AI, big data, digital and surveillance technologies, gamification of warfare) at the expense of other pivotal conversations around enslavements, ecological development and destruction, resource extraction and violence. What are the implications of focusing on innovation alone without its connections and disconnections with enslavement, dehumanization, and resource extraction? Is it possible that certain sciences and technologies are structured by a colonial, enslaving, dehumanizing raciality and extractive logics and aesthetics? What might this mean for the ways we imagine the world and futures, as well as our research and writing paradigms? What might this mean for the ways we imagine and create openings for envisioning systemic transformations of the state, politics, economy, aesthetics, ecology, and our planetary relationships?

Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- The rise, shift and transformation of hegemonic and global orders
- Time, Technoscience and Sociotechnical Imaginaries
- Neoliberal and racial modes of control, regulation, and extraction
- Technology and the computational turn and Planetary Times
- Critical and radical approaches to thinking the future and the practicing of science, technology and institutions, values, and norms
- Perspectives on technoscience, innovation, enslavement, and resource extraction from Africana, postcolonial, decolonial and indigenous radical thought/practices

We encourage proposals from varied disciplinary/interdisciplinary/transdisciplinary perspectives. We seek to showcase the work of advanced graduate students and junior as well as senior scholars, and we welcome innovative ideas about the format, structure, and content of conference sessions.

The deadline for all paper/panel submissions is Friday July 12, 2019.

[ISA Midwest Conference 2019](#)

22 – 23 November 2019 | St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A.

The International Studies Association-Midwest invites proposals for papers, panels, and roundtables on any subjects related to international studies, broadly defined, for its annual meeting. The conference will be held on November 22nd-23rd at the Hilton at the Ballpark, St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

The deadline for all paper/panel submissions is Monday, June 24, 2019.

4. Upcoming Events – Conferences and Courses

4.1 Conferences

[CEEISA-ISA Joint international Conference. International Relations in the Age of Anxiety.](#)

17-19 June 2019 | Belgrade, Serbia

[4th International Conference on Public Policy, The International Public Policy Association \(IPPA\)](#)

26-28 June 2019 | Montreal, Canada

[5th Annual Conference on Environmental Politics & Governance](#)

June 27 – 29 2019 | Santa Barbara, California, U.S.A.

[ISA West Conference 2019](#)

27-28 September 2019 | Pasadena, CA, U.S.A.

[ISA South Conference 2019](#)

4 – 5 October 2019 | Memphis, Tennessee, U.S.A.

[First International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding](#)

23-25 October 2019 | Irvine, California, U.S.A.

[Science, Health and Engineering Policy and Diplomacy \(SPD\) Conference](#)

23 – 25 October 2019 | Tuscon, AZ, U.S.A.

[ISA Northeast Annual Conference](#)

8 – 9 November 2019 | Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.A.

[ISA Midwest Conference 2019](#)

22 – 23 November 2019 | St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A.

[ISA Annual Convention 2020](#)

25-28 March 2020 | Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A.