



**GEOGRPAHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: FALL 2010
GEOGRAPHY 525
H(3-0) Area II**

The Politics of Environment: Policy and Political Ecology

Timetable: LEC01 WeFr 10:00 - 11:15 ES 920

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Please note: The emergency evacuation assembly point for all classes taught in Earth Sciences is the ICT food court.

Official Course Description

Key issues in environmental policy, focusing on the power and interest mechanisms that determine environmental resource access and sustainable use. Case-specific applications explore the dynamic roles of the global and the local including international development paradigms, indigenous resource rights, common-pool resource management, powerful policy networks and local communities struggling in between.

Prerequisites: GEOG 321 plus one of (361, 421, 425) or consent of the department.

Textbook/Readings

Dryzek, John S. (2005) *The Politics of the Earth*. Second Edition, Oxford University Press, Don Mills ON (*required*)

Clapp, Jennifer and Peter Dauvergne (2005) *Paths to a Green World – The Political Economy of the Global Environment*. The MIT Press, Cambridge MA (*recommended*)

Dryzek, John S. and D. Schlosberg (2005) *The Environmental Politics Reader- Debating the Earth*. Second Edition, Oxford University Press, Don Mills ON (*recommended*)

All course information and further material are posted by the instructor on Blackboard: <http://blackboard.ca> The assignments for each session will be posted and readings made available electronically where possible.

Grading/Weighting

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| (1) | In-class activities | 30% |
| (2) | Short assignments | 40% |
| (3) | Topic presentations | 10% |
| (4) | Project paper | 20% |

Grading System:

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| 96-100 | A+ | 77-80 | B | 59-61 | C- |
| 90-95 | A | 71-76 | B- | 55-58 | D+ |
| 86-89 | A- | 65-70 | C+ | 50-54 | D |
| 81-85 | B+ | 62-64 | C | 0-49 | F |

If, for some reason, the distribution of grades determined using the aforementioned conversion chart appears to be abnormal, the instructor reserves the right to change the grade conversion chart if the instructor, at the instructor's discretion, feels it is necessary to more fairly represent student achievement.

Re: Posting of Grades and Picking-up of Assignments

- Grades will be available to each student on Blackboard by individual password access.
- Non-electronic posting of grades will be at the discretion of the instructor and, if posted, they will be scrambled.
- Grades will **not** be available at Geography's main office.
- The graded assignments can be picked up during the hours announced on Blackboard.
- To receive your assignment back via mail, please include an appropriately sized self-addressed, stamped envelope with your assignment when handing in to the instructor.

Plagiarism

Academic dishonesty is not an acceptable activity at the University of Calgary and students are **strongly advised** to read the Student Misconduct section in the University Calendar. Quite often, students are unaware of what constitutes academic dishonesty or plagiarism. The most common are 1) presenting another student's work as your own 2) presenting an author's work or ideas as your own without proper referencing and 3) using work completed for another course. This activity will not be tolerated in this course and students conducting themselves in this manner will be dealt with according to the procedures outlined in the calendar.

Disability Resource Centre Accommodations

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

Contact Information for Student and Faculty Representation

- SU VP Academic Phone: 220-3911 and e-mail: suvpaca@ucalgary.ca
- SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 and e-mail: socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca

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