

Call for Papers

Princeton Conference on Environmental Politics:

Research Frontiers in Comparative and International Environmental Politics

Princeton University, December 2-3, 2011

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Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs

Dear Colleagues,

We are organizing a conference on Environmental Politics at the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University on December 2-3, 2011. The conference aims at connecting research communities across continents, presenting cutting-edge research in environmental politics, and identifying future research directions in comparative and international environmental politics. The steering committee will also identify a subset of selected papers for a special issue in a major political science journal. Editors of key political science journals are likely to attend the conference.

Agenda and Rationale

We are particularly interested in proposals that study environmental politics from an international or comparative political economy perspective. Traditionally, IR scholars have emphasized the role of international factors (international regimes, trade, FDI, epistemic communities, IGOs and INGOs) while the comparativists have focused on domestic variables (domestic political institutions, partisanship, economic variables, interest group pressures) to explain environmental policy outputs and outcomes. This conference invites leading scholars to systemically examine the roles of domestic and international factors alone or in interaction to develop more nuanced models of environmental politics across space and time. Some of the broad research areas and questions include (but not limited to):

- Environmental politics in authoritarian states,
- Effects of political and economic transitions on the natural environment,
- The role of citizen preferences and civil society on environmental policy choices,
- The role of international networks --- e.g., trade, FDI, IGO, NGO --- on environmental policy choices,
- The effectiveness of voluntary regulations and new forms of governance on environmental policy outcomes,
- Agenda setting in domestic and global environmental politics.

Expenses

Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance has generously offered to cover economy class travel and lodging for paper presenters.

Time Lines

Please email your paper proposal to caox@essex.ac.uk. The proposal submission deadline is March 15, 2011. The steering committee will notify authors of selected papers by May 1, 2011.

Best regards,

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