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International Politics and Climate Change

EXAMS

MIDTERM EXAM

General Instructions

- Please answer the required question in section (A) below, and one question in section (B).
- Please be sure to note references as you draw on reading or on lectures. At least 3 different sources should be consulted per question. Identify the author, date, and page as relevant. You can use other sources if you wish, but in addition to, not instead of, the course materials.
- Please write as little or as much as you deem useful in order to: (a) convey your points and (b) meet the above reference requirements

Date Due – 8 days after SES #7

A. Required question:

Please write an essay on the evolution of environmental awareness in general, and of the climate change issue, in particular. In so doing, please define your own terms of reference and the factors you consider critical in this process.

B. Select one of the two questions below:

1. Please write an essay on the role of “global assessments” in the science and politics surrounding the climate change issues. In so doing, please be (a) more rather than less comprehensive and (b) provide specific examples as relevant.
2. Given that it is difficult to obtain a “perfect view” of human impacts on climate change, please write an essay to illustrate such impacts by addressing, however roughly, local-global linkages surrounding one of the following: (a) a specific greenhouse gas or (b) a specific sector of the economy or (c) a particular mode of human activity or (d) one specific country as a case in point.

FINAL EXAM

General Instructions

- Please answer the required question in section (A) below, and one question in section (B).
- Please be sure to note references as you draw on reading or on lectures. At least 3 different sources should be consulted per question (including class discussion). Identify the author, date, and page as relevant. You can use other sources if you wish, but in addition to, not instead of, the course materials.
- Please write as little or as much as you deem useful in order to: (a) convey your points and (b) meet the above reference requirements.

Date Due – No later than 4 days after SES #11

A. Required question:

Please write an essay on the evolution of international environmental law, addressing its evolution, concerns, and issues of current salience.

B. Select one of the two questions below:

1. Please write an essay on the connections between domestic politics and international politics in the course of addressing the challenges posed by climate change. In so doing, please provide specific examples as relevant.
2. Please compare and contrast the Convention on Biological diversity and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change with respect to issues, actors, interests, science and technology, and institutional aspects.