

THE FUTURE OF CLIMATE CHANGE NEGOTIATIONS PROJECT  
ON ETHICS, REGULATION AND GLOBAL POLICY:

AN INDEPENDENT STUDY

INCLUDING A FUNDED INTERNATIONAL TRIP TO WORK ON CLIMATE NEGOTIATION ISSUES

3 CREDITS

SATISFIES COLLEGE OF LAW GRADUATION WRITING REQUIREMENT

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The Future of Climate Change Negotiations Project on Ethics, Regulation and Global Policy supports and funds a small group of students working with two faculty members on an interdisciplinary project regarding the global climate change negotiations. Students will each prepare a report on an international regulatory process that is relevant to the international climate change negotiations which will be used as inputs to an expert process being organized by the UN Climate Change Secretariat. In addition, they will present their reports at an international event held in spring 2013 in connection with the UN negotiating process. Students' travel expenses to attend the international meeting will be covered by a grant from the Lincoln Center for Applied Ethics.

The project will span the fall 2012 and spring 2013 semesters. Students may register for the Independent Study in either semester, depending on their schedule, and will have some flexibility as to when they do the bulk of their work, although the completion, presentation and evaluation of the reports will occur in the spring. The Independent Study can be used to satisfy the College of Law graduation writing requirement.

The context for this project is the adoption of the Durban Platform by the parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change which launched a new round of negotiations to develop a legal instrument to address climate change from 2020 on. The negotiations began earlier this year and are scheduled to finish in 2015. Key to this process is a review of what lessons might be learned from other international regulatory regimes. The student papers will contribute to this inquiry.

The Independent Study project will begin in the fall semester with occasional meetings involving the student team and the instructors to review the background and legal dimensions of the UN climate change regime and to select research topics. The project will continue in the spring semester when students will complete their reports. Students will participate remotely as observers in an expert meeting organized by the UN climate change secretariat, tentatively scheduled for February 2013, and will then travel to one of the international climate change negotiating sessions scheduled in spring 2013 to present their work and observe the negotiation proceedings.

Based on their experiences, members of the student team will make presentations to faculty, students and others at the College of Law and at the School of Sustainability. In addition, the team members will participate in a Lincoln Center Real Life Ethics Seminar Dinner to discuss how their experiences of engage practical ethical challenges. These events will take place from May 2013 on.

There are no prerequisites for participation in the independent study project. However, preference will be given to students with strong research and writing skills and availability and interest in presenting their experiences during and after the spring 2013 semester.

The project will be led by Dan Bodansky, Lincoln Professor of Law, Ethics, and Sustainability, in partnership with Daniel Rothenberg, Professor of Practice and Executive Director of the Center for Law and Global Affairs and Lincoln Fellow for Ethics and International Human Rights Law.

The project is premised on the idea that climate change is a crucial issue involving the intersection between law and ethics, as well as an iconic test of the importance of integrating coherent moral principles with global policymaking. All too often, the public mechanisms – treaties, monitoring bodies, etc. – for facing climate change are largely discussed in scientific and regulatory terms. But, arguably, technical/administrative knowledge in the area only gains broad meaning through an engagement with law and ethics in a manner that links theory, data and focused action.

APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN  
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The Future of Climate Change Negotiations Project on Ethics, Regulation and Global Policy will take place during the 2012-2013 academic year. Students may register for the Independent Study in either the fall 2012 or spring 2013 semesters.

The project is open to law and graduate students at ASU. There are no prerequisites for this project, and no background on climate change is required. However, we are looking for talented, engaged students with an interest in international environmental policy.

To apply to participate in the project, please fill out the form below and answer the two questions (on a separate sheet) using only paragraph per question.

Also please attach a cv/resume, your ASU transcript, as well as a writing sample to [emoline.fox@asu.edu](mailto:emoline.fox@asu.edu)

The application is due by 5 PM on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Decisions will be made by September 21st.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Please briefly describe your background (if any), interest and experience with climate change issues and international environmental policy and law.
2. Please briefly explain why you would like to participate in the Future of Climate Change Negotiations Project on Ethics, Regulation and Global Policy