GLOBAL GREEN LOCAL GOVERNANCE
Spring 2012, T/R 2:00-3:15, BEL0048
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Course Description

This course focuses on the role of local governments and communities in addressing issues of global climate change and sustainability. It examines local governance in the context of different policy responses and involvement of international organizations, national governments, business, and civic society. To help students better understand global climate agendas, the course discusses specific policymaking institutions and processes for cities in the U.S., the Republic of Korea, and the Philippines. It examines political markets, interest groups, and civic entrepreneurship so that students gain a handle of issues surrounding global green local governance while drawing from the experiences of the three countries.

Textbook and Readings


These textbooks will be supplemented by readings from book chapters, published articles, paper presentations, and other materials. Supplementary readings will be made available through the class page on blackboard at http://campus.fsu.edu.

Grading Policy

Grades will be based on the following:

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The numerical standards converted into final letter grades for the course are:

- A: 94-100
- A-: 90-93
- B+: 85-89
- B: 80-84
- B-: 75-79
- C+: 70-74
- C: 65-69
- C-: 60-64
- D: 50-59
- F: 0-49
Students are required to read the assigned materials, participate fully in class, complete a mid-term and final examination, take quizzes, submit and present a case study. No make-up exam will be made available except with prior approval or appropriate documentation. Quizzes will be given at the start of class every Thursday to review important concepts discussed in previous sessions.

For the case study, each student will prepare a descriptive analysis of efforts by a local government in Florida to deal with the issue of climate change and sustainability. The case study may focus on a specific policy area, e.g., transportation, land use, procurement, or economic development. It should not be more than 10 pages, double-spaced, excluding bibliography, charts, or graphs.

**Syllabus and Class Policy**

This syllabus may change as the class progresses with notice on blackboard and email.

Use of cellular phone is prohibited while class sessions are ongoing. Students are expected to give everyone in class due respect and consideration.

**Academic Honor Code**

The academic honor system of The Florida State University is based on the premise that each student has the responsibility: (1) To uphold the highest standards of academic integrity in the student’s own work, (2) To refuse to tolerate violations of academic integrity in the University community, and (3) To foster a high sense of integrity and social responsibility on the part of the University community. Additional information can be found at: http://www.fsu.edu/Books/Student-Handbook/codes/honor.html

**Disabilities Act**

Students with disabilities needing academic accommodation should: (1) register with and provide documentation to the Student Disability Resource Center; and (2) bring a letter to the instructor indicating the need for accommodation and what type. This should be done during the first week of class. For more information about services available to FSU students with disabilities, contact the:

Student Disability Resource Center  
874 Traditions Way  
108 Student Services Building  
Florida State University Tallahassee, FL 32306-4167  
(850) 644-9566 (850) 644-9566 (voice)  
(850) 644-8504 (850) 644-8504 (TDD) sdrc@admin.fsu.edu  
http://www.disabilitycenter.fsu.edu/
COURSE OUTLINE AND READINGS

WEEK 1. Course Overview and Introduction (Jan 5)

WEEK 2. The Global Nature and Implications of Global Climate Change


Optional materials:


http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1XGxo3vB2Q (A video production by World Bank on Climate Change Impacts on Coastal Areas in the Philippines)


Global Climate Change in Korea

WEEK 3. International Efforts and Agreements--Why they have been less than effective

Edited by Sheila Jasanoff and Marybeth Long Martello. Cambridge: MIT Press. (e-book is available through FSU library website.)


Optional materials:


Jan 19


Optional materials:

A short video on international forums or agreements on climate change.


WEEK 4. Why Have State and Local Governments Taken the Lead?

Jan 24


Optional material:

(http://www.brookings.edu/~media/Files/rc/reports/2008/05_carbon_footprint_sarzynski/carbonfootprint_report.pdf)  
(http://www.Sustainlane.com)(review methodology for rankings)


Optional materials:

(http://www.thegreenguide.com/doc/113/top10cities)


**WEEK 5. Overcoming Barriers to Collective Action**

(http://www.cemus.uu.se/dokument/CCL_2011/Elinor%20Ostrom.pdf)


Optional materials:

U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement  
(http://usmayors.org/climateprotection/agreement.htm)


Dreier, Peter and Beth Steckler (2006).  "Not just for the gentry: Can the 'new urbanism' of green city neighborhoods, convenient to transportation and jobs, also provide affordable housing?"  *The American Prospect* (December).  
(http://www.prospect.org/cs/articles?article=not_just_for_the_gentry)
WEEK 6. Intergovernmental Systems for Climate Change in U.S., Korea, and Philippines


Optional material:


Feb 16  Mid-term Exam

WEEK 7. Intergovernmental Systems for Climate Change in U.S., Korea, and Philippines


Optional materials:


Philippine case


Due:  Topic and outline for case study

WEEK 8. Institutions, Politics, and Sustainability Outcomes: Comparing U.S., Korea, and Philippines


**Philippine Case**


**Korean Case**

WEEK 9. Spring Break (Mar. 5-9)

WEEK 10. Local Powers and Local Benefits--The Politics of Land Use Decisions


Optional materials:


Optional material:


WEEK 11. Entrepreneurship for Sustainability--Politicians, Bureaucrats, and Social Entrepreneurs

Mar 20  


Mar 22  

WEEK 12. The Political Market for Sustainability--Citizens and Interest Group

Mar 27  


Optional material:


Mar 29  

Enterprise Foundation Green Communities Program (http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/)

Green Affordable Housing Coalition (http://frontierassoc.net/greenaffordablehousing/index.shtml)

**WEEK 13. Economic Development and Sustainability**


Optional material:
Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, 1992

**WEEK 14**

April 10 Paper Presentation

April 12 Paper Presentation

**WEEK 15**

April 17 Paper Presentation

April 20 Paper Presentation

**Due: Case study**

**WEEK 16** Final Exam Week