

Units:	6
Hours:	Intensive 26 teaching hours
Specialisation:	Environmental Law and International Law
Prerequisites:	LLB or Principles of International Law or Fundamentals of Environmental Law
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Objectives: This course will examine international climate law, examining both the current law and a range of potential international legal responses. The course will also explore fundamental questions about legal responses to looming crises, using climate change as the focal point of a broader discussion. For example: Can legal institutions deal with such mega-problems? Will doing so lead to basic changes in international legal institutions? The course will devote most time to exploring current international legal challenges and responses and will culminate in a simulated negotiation looking toward Kyoto II. A participant who has successfully completed this course should have a sound understanding of legal issues, standards and principles relating to the international protection of climate and be familiar with the key international instruments and the international institutions (governmental and non-governmental) designed to address and implement measures aimed a climate change.

Topics include:

- Development, operation and problems associated with the UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol
- Alternative international regulation and beyond 2012
- Municipal implementation of international norms, including comparisons between Kyoto Protocol, European ETS and US Initiatives.
- Simulated negotiation focused on GHG concentrations, in addition to emissions.

Prescribed Text: There is no prescribed text.

Proposed Assessment: The approved assessment will be posted to the course homepage on the ANU Law website, prior to the commencement of the course.