

Climate, Reconsidered: A Global Course on Climate Politics

[Spring 2020]

Week 1: Climate Histories - Intellectual, Economic and Scientific

Disciplines: History/Science and Technology Studies

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Week 2: Truth and Epistemology

Disciplines: Philosophy/Political Theory

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Arendt, Hannah. "Truth and Politics." *The New Yorker*: 25 February, 1967. Reprinted in

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Week 3: Climate Subjectivities

Disciplines: Literature and Psychology

Butler, Octavia. *Parable of the Sower*

Nixon, Rob. "Environmentalism, Postcolonialism, and American Studies"

Caminero-Santangelo, Byron. "Different Shades of Green: African Literature, Environmental Justice and Political Ecology." In *African Literature: Anthology of*

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Week 4: The Regulatory State

Disciplines: Law and Economics

Reich, Charles A. "The Law of the Planned Society." *75 Yale L.J.* (1966).

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Week 5: Ecology, Institutions and Climate Justice

Disciplines: International Relations and Political Philosophy

Di Paola, Marcello and Dale W. Jamieson. "Political Theory for the Anthropocene" in *Global Political Theory*, eds. David Held and Pietro Maffettone.

Burke, Anthony, Stefanie Fishel, Audra Mitchell, Simon Dalby, and Daniel J Levine. "Planet Politics: A Manifesto from the End of IR." *Millennium - Journal of International Studies* 44.3 (2016): 499-523.

Inoue, Cristina Yumie Aoki. "Worlding the Study of Global Environmental Politics in the

Anthropocene: Indigenous Voices from the Amazon." *Global Environmental Politics* 18.4 (2018): 25-42.

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Singer, Peter. "Famine, Affluence and Morality." *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 1. 3 (1972): 229-243.

Shue, Henry. "Global Environment and International Inequality." *International Affairs*

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Week 6: Activism and Political Practice

Disciplines: All

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