

Environment & Energy Workshop

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COURSE TIME AND PLACE

The course will meet Mondays in Room 172 of the Law School. Unless otherwise specified, each class begins at 4:15pm and concludes at 6:15pm. Out of respect for our speakers, please make every effort to arrive on time.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This seminar will provide students with the opportunity to examine and critique current research and work in the field of environment, energy, and natural resources. Although it is open to all first, second and third year law students and graduate students in other disciplines, the seminar is designed especially for those with a particular interest in the field who wish to be abreast of current and cutting-edge issues, work, and ideas. In a majority of the classes, academics from various disciplines, practitioners, and policy makers will visit to discuss their current research or work.

Each student will be required to engage in extra preparation – prepared discussion questions and a short written reflection – for five class sessions. This extra preparation requirement is designed to enhance the in-class discussion. Students must post this assignment (1-2 pages for each of their assigned five class sessions, including both questions and reflection) to their CourseWork drop box before the beginning of each assigned class session. During the first week of classes, the schedule for the students' extra preparation assignments for the remainder of the term will be finalized.

WRITING OPTION

Up to five students may elect to write a paper for the course in addition to participating in the regular seminar sessions. The paper may focus on an environmental, energy, or natural resource law or policy topic of the student's choice, to be reviewed and approved by the instructors. Whether or not a student who is interested in writing has a paper topic in mind, anyone who is interested in writing should confer with Meg Caldwell as soon as possible in the term. Meg will help students develop paper topics. If more than five students wish to elect this option, the instructor will hold a lottery following the first day of class. Writing students may receive either an "R" (research) or "W" (writing) credit for their work, as agreed to by the instructor.

GRADING

Grading for all students who are *not* participating in the writing option for the course is mandatory Pass. Grades will be based on attendance, the short reflection/discussion papers, and discussion leadership. Grading for all students who are approved for the writing option is the Honors-Pass grading system.

READINGS

The readings for the class will be available through CourseWork at least one week in advance of each class session. It is essential that all students complete the assigned reading prior to each class session.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

The nature of this course is such that it is extremely important to maintain regular attendance and prepare for each session. The limited volume of reading and scintillating content, combined with class preparation and discussion, should make active participation in the class both enjoyable and enriching. Every guest speaker is interested in receiving thoughtful feedback and constructive criticism from the class members.

All seminars meet Mondays, 4:15-6:15 p.m., in Room 172, Stanford Law School

September 20

“Marine Spatial Planning”

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September 27

“National BP Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling”

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October 11

“Notional Generosity: Explaining Charitable Donors’ High Willingness to Part with Conservation Easements”

Josh Eagle

Associate Professor of Law, University of South Carolina Law School

October 18

“Climate Change, Property Rights, and Renewable Energy”

Alexandra Klass

Professor of Law; Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, University of Minnesota Law School

Buzz Thompson (commentator)

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October 25

“Hernando De Soto’s Work and Its Environmental Implications”

Carol Rose

Gordon Bradford Tweedy Professor Emeritus of Law and Organization and Professorial Lecturer in Law, Yale Law School

David Kennedy (commentator)

Donald J. McLachlan Professor of History, Emeritus, Stanford

November 1

“Adaptive Management and Information”

Holly Doremus

Professor of Law, UC Berkeley Law School

Rebecca Shaw (commentator)

The Nature Conservancy

November 8

“Liability and Regulatory Issues Related To Carbon Sequestration”

David Adelman

Associate Professor of Law, University of Arizona Law School

November 15

“Time-Varying Electricity Pricing, the Equity Issues It Raises, the Potential Efficiency Gains, Environmental Effects and Political Barriers”

Severin Borenstein

E.T. Grether Professor of Business Administration and Public Policy, Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley

November 29

“Place-Based Marine Management in a Climate Change Era”

Robin Craig

Professor and Associate Dean for Environmental Programs, Florida State University Law School

Meg Caldwell & Deborah Sivas (commentators)

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