COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course is a continuation of PSCI 247. It addresses the same conceptual problems but focuses more on understanding the societal and political response to environmental issues. We critically examine both proposed ecological futures, as well as means of environmental problem solving and societal change: state policy, intergovernmental treaties, environmental movements, and market solutions.

REQUIRED TEXTS:
Readings made available through the Moodle outline.

COURSE WORK and EVALUATION:
Participation
Online reading/news discussions/attendance (20%)

Research Paper (25%)
- Research proposal (Initial proposal, Jan 27; final proposal Feb 17) 13%
- Paper (Due: March 26) 12%

Reading questions (20%)
- In-class questions on 8 of the week’s readings (8 randomly selected weeks)

Final Exam (April, 2012) (35%)

Outline:

4 January - 10 January
Review: Privatization and Denial

11 January - 17 January

UNFCCC: Neoliberalism and State Failure


<http://libmain.stfx.ca/newlib/electronic/databases/>. (30 pp.)
• **Capitalism vs Climate Forum**

**18 January - 24 January**

Climate Change: Global Civil Society Action


<http://libmain.stfx.ca/newlib/electronic/databases/>. (23 pp.)

*Climate Justice* Network. “*COP17 succumbs to Climate Apartheid: Antidote is Cochabamba Peoples’ Agreement.*” 2011. *Occupy Cop 17* 2011


• **Climate Justice Forum**

**25 January - 31 January**

Climate Change: Local State Action

Turner, Chris. 2008 “*The Rebirth of Hope.*” *The Geography of Hope a Tour of the World We Need.* Toronto: Vintage Canada. pp. 27-45 (18 pp.) Note that you only have to start at page 27.

Ryland, Elisabeth. 2010. “*Danish Wind Power Policy: Domestic and International Forces.*” *Environmental Politics* 19(1):80-85. (5 pp.)

• **Danish Renewable Energy Policy Forum**

• **Research Proposals Forum**

**1 February - 7 February**

Climate Change: Local State Action (Cities)

- Municipal Climate Change Action Forum

8 February - 14 February

Successful Intergovernmental Treaty: Ozone


- Ozone Treaty Forum

15 February - 21 February

Weak Intergovernmental Treaty: Civil Society and the Basel Convention


- Global Environmental Justice Forum

22 February - 28 February

Reading Week

29 February - 6 March

Grassroots Activism in Nova Scotia

Film: “Herbicide Trials”

**7 March - 13 March**

Ideology of Neoliberal Environmental Governance


**14 March - 20 March**

Market Governance Utopia


**21 March - 27 March**

Market Governance: Commodifying Nature


**28 March - 3 April**

Intergovernmental Treaty: CBD


4 April - 10 April

Biodiversity Action: Agriculture


11 April - 17 April

Review