POLI 319 Issues in Comparative Politics
“Climate Crisis Politics and Policy”

Instructor Fall 2021: Dr. Amy Janzwood

Course delivery: In the Fall 2021 term, this course will be delivered face-to-face and on campus.

Course description: The climate crisis is one of the defining challenges of our time. Avoiding the worst consequences of climate change requires the transformation of our energy and socio-economic systems. These are fundamentally political changes. In this course, we examine barriers and pathways to climate action from a comparative perspective. We will explore the dynamics of key actors, ideas, and institutions that shape energy and climate politics. This course is organized thematically and draws on both core and new scholarly work on climate politics from regional and international contexts.

About the instructor: Amy Janzwood completed her Ph.D. at the University of Toronto and studies climate and energy politics and policy.

Prerequisite: None

Course outcomes/objectives:
- Examine barriers and pathways to climate action
- Evaluate the role of actors, ideas, and institutions that shape climate politics
- Compare energy and climate policies, decisions and debates
- Develop, communicate and share positions on energy and climate issues
- Develop written and verbal communication through essay writing and discussion

Topics may include:
- The post-Paris era
- Climate capitalism
- Transnational advocacy
- Climate policy tools
- Just transitions

This summary provides an overall sense of the course and is not considered an official course outline. Detailed course outlines will be available for all registered students on the first day of class.