

## **Global Environmental Politics / PSIR 702 B**

Fall 2025

(Graduate level | mandatory)

Department of Political Science and Philosophy

Khazar University

6 ECTS credits, 15 Weeks, 60 hours

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### **Course description**

In the course Global Environmental Policies, we will discuss the relationship between the environment, climate, and both domestic and foreign policy. In today's world—where global warming and climate change are accelerating and affecting every aspect of life from energy to health, from conflicts to migration—we will analyze the threats we face. Drawing on Azerbaijan's COP29 experience, we will comparatively examine the environmental and climate policies of regional countries and global powers, along with the mechanisms and legal frameworks they have established. Renewable energy investments, water conservation initiatives, and zero-waste practices will also be addressed in this course at both regional and global levels. Within the context of conflict resolution and peacebuilding, we will further discuss the impacts of environmental and climate change issues on our region, analyzing the relationship between environment and politics from both theoretical and practical perspectives.

### **Course objectives:**

- Observe and analyze the policy-making process of environmental politics from both theoretical and practical perspectives.
- Examine the international security challenges caused by climate change.
- Investigate environmental and climate policies in regional and global contexts.
- Conduct research on the implications of environmental and climate change in the South Caucasus, particularly in relation to migration, conflict, and energy security.

### **Learning outcomes:**

By the end of this course, students will:

- Understand the connections between environmental/climate change and domestic as well as foreign politics.
- Analyze the role of environmental and climate policies in shaping global security architecture.
- Gain a regional and global vision regarding environmental and climate change challenges.

### **Course requirements**

Students are expected to attend all lecture and seminar sessions, to do the assigned readings before class meetings, and to participate actively in class discussions. The final grade will be based on attendance (10%), midterm exam (30%), two presentations (10% each), and the final exam (40%).

Failure to take an exam without a duly authorized written medical excuse will result in 0 points for that exam/ assignment. You are required to inform the instructor about your absence or family emergency *at least 2 workdays in advance* (no excuse will be granted retrospectively). Participation in a conference or other similar event is not a valid excuse.

**Presentations (2 x 10%).** In the beginning of the semester, students will sign up to produce and deliver two presentations based on one of the chapters selected from the assigned readings designated for these purposes (see **Readings for student presentations** below). Each presentation should be based on one chapter. Students should carefully read the chosen chapters and summarize key take-away points, assess the quality of argumentation presented and its intellectual contribution to the field. They should also suggest three questions for further discussion and lead the class discussion. Students should submit their power-point slides at least 2 days before class. Presentations will be evaluated based on both the quality of content and the delivery of presentation in class.

The **midterm** examination covers lectures and readings discussed by that point. The **final exam** covers all the course readings, lectures, and class discussion, and will be scheduled by the Registrar.

Final grades will be determined based on the following calculation:

Assignment	% of grade
1. Attendance	5%
2. Presentation – Essay	10%
3. Presentation – Article	15%
4. Midterm	30%
5. Final exam	40%

**Attendance** in class is mandatory, and you are required to sign the attendance sheet I will distribute in class. Unexcused absences will result in deductions of participation points on a progressive scale as shown below. If you miss 8 (eight) or more class meetings without valid excuse (health issue or family emergency), you will automatically get an “F” for this course.

Attendance grade is calculated based on the following criteria:

Number of absences	Grade (max.10)
1	10
2	9
3	7
4	6
5	4
6	3
7	1
8	0 (F)

**Use of laptop computers or mobile devices** is not permitted in class. Please turn off your laptops and other electronic devices during lectures and discussions.

### Required Readings

Readings must be completed prior to class meetings. We will use the following books as required readings:

- AIR Center. "Azerbaijan's Green Growth Plan." *Aircenter.az*, 2024, [aircenter.az/en/single/azerbaijans-green-growth-plan-1340](http://aircenter.az/en/single/azerbaijans-green-growth-plan-1340). Accessed 14 July 2025.
- "Azerbaijan's Pathway to a Sustainable Energy Future." *Aircenter.az*, 2022, [aircenter.az/en/single/azerbaijans-pathway-to-a-sustainable-energy-future-859](http://aircenter.az/en/single/azerbaijans-pathway-to-a-sustainable-energy-future-859). Accessed 14 July 2025.
- Azerbaijan. "Bp Azerbaijan." *Azerbaijan*, bp Azerbaijan, 2021, [www.bp.com/en\\_az/azerbaijan/home/news/press-releases/A-new-renewable-energy-programme-for-Azerbaijans-university.html](http://www.bp.com/en_az/azerbaijan/home/news/press-releases/A-new-renewable-energy-programme-for-Azerbaijans-university.html). Accessed 14 July 2025.
- AZERTAC. "President: Creation of "Green Energy" Sources in Karabakh, East Zangezur, and Nakhchivan Will Benefit the Entire Region VIDEO." [https://Azertag.az/En/Xeber/President\\_creation\\_of\\_green\\_energy\\_sources\\_in\\_karabakh\\_east\\_zangezur\\_and\\_nakhchivan\\_will\\_benefit\\_the\\_entire\\_region\\_video-3010770](https://Azertag.az/En/Xeber/President_creation_of_green_energy_sources_in_karabakh_east_zangezur_and_nakhchivan_will_benefit_the_entire_region_video-3010770), 2024, [azertag.az/en/xeber/president\\_creation\\_of\\_green\\_energy\\_sources\\_in\\_karabakh\\_east\\_zangezur\\_and\\_nakhchivan\\_will\\_benefit\\_the\\_entire\\_region-3010770](http://azertag.az/en/xeber/president_creation_of_green_energy_sources_in_karabakh_east_zangezur_and_nakhchivan_will_benefit_the_entire_region-3010770). Accessed 14 July 2025.
- Cavid Veliyev. "Green Energy: A New Dimension in Azerbaijan-Türkiye Relations." *Daily Sabah*, 12 Dec. 2024, [www.dailysabah.com/opinion/op-ed/green-energy-a-new-dimension-in-azerbaijan-turkiye-relations](http://www.dailysabah.com/opinion/op-ed/green-energy-a-new-dimension-in-azerbaijan-turkiye-relations). Accessed 14 July 2025.

### Readings for student presentations:

- Conca, K., Ostovar, A., & Tekenet, R. (2023). Assessing the Learning Outcomes of a Role-Playing Simulation in International Environmental Politics. *Journal of Political Science Education*, 20(1), 153–171. <https://doi-org.offcampus.iuh.edu.tr/10.1080/15512169.2023.2241588>
- Peters B. Guy, (ed). *Handbook of Public Policy*, Sage Publications, 2006.
- Keskin, H., Kökyay, F., (2020), Paris Anlaşmasına Giden Süreçte AB İklim Değişikliği ve Çevre Politikaları, *Kafkas Üniveristesi Sosyal Bilimler Enstitüsü Dergisi*, 25, 289-324.
- Roberts, J. T., & Parks, B. C. (2007). *A Climate of Injustice: Global Inequality, North-South Politics, and Climate Policy*. MIT Press.
- Harris, P. G. (2013). *Global Environmental Politics*. Routledge.
- Falkner, R. (2016). *The Paris Agreement and the New Logic of International Climate Politics*. International Affairs.

### CLASS SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Topic	Readings
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1)	Sep. 18	Introduction to the course Terms and theories What is Global Environmental Politics?	- Harris, P. G. (2013). <i>Global Environmental Politics. Routledge &amp; Public Administration, D, 2023, Business Source Ultimate</i>
2)	Sep. 25	Global Environmental Politics: Actors and Factors	- Conca, K., Ostovar, A., & Tekenet, R. (2023). Assessing the Learning Outcomes of a Role-Playing Simulation in International Environmental Politics. <i>Journal of Political Science Education</i> , 20(1), 153–171. <a href="https://doi-org.offcampus.iuh.edu.tr/10.1080/15512169.2023.2241588">https://doi-org.offcampus.iuh.edu.tr/10.1080/15512169.2023.2241588</a> Peters B. Guy, (ed). <i>Handbook of Public Policy</i> , Sage Publications, 2006.
3)	Oct. 2	Global Media Architecture and Global Environmental Politics	- Falkner, R. (2016). The Paris Agreement and the New Logic of International Climate Politics. <i>International Affairs</i> . - Anadolu Ajansı Yeşil Hat ve NTV Yeşil Ekran
4)	Oct. 9	Case Study: Turkish Global Environmental Policy	- İklim Değişikliği İle Mücadelede Uygulanan Kamu Politikaları Bakımından Türkiye'nin Avrupa Birliği İçindeki Durumunun Analizi, Aydın, Z., Polat, M., Akademik Araştırmalar ve Yayınlar Dergisi. 2024, 173-185
5)	Oct 16	Case Study: Azerbaijan's Global Environmental Policy and President's Approach	- AZERTAC. "President: Creation of "Green Energy" Sources in Karabakh, East Zangezur, and Nakhchivan Will Benefit the Entire Region VIDEO." <a href="https://Azertag.az/En/Xeber/President_creation_of_green_energy_sources_in_karabakh_">https://Azertag.az/En/Xeber/President_creation_of_green_energy_sources_in_karabakh_</a>

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6)	Oct. 23	A New Dimension in Azerbaijan-Türkiye Relations: Climate Change and Environmental Policy Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cavid Veliyev. "Green Energy: A New Dimension in Azerbaijan-Türkiye Relations." <i>Daily Sabah</i>, 12 Dec. 2024, <a href="https://www.dailysabah.com/opinion/op-ed/green-energy-a-new-dimension-in-azerbaijan-turkiye-relations">www.dailysabah.com/opinion/op-ed/green-energy-a-new-dimension-in-azerbaijan-turkiye-relations</a>. Accessed 14 July 2025</li> </ul>
7)	Oct. 30	Global Actors Environmental Policy: USA and China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Environmental Protection Agency's Role in U.S. Climate Policy - A Fifty Year Appraisal, Freeman Jodyfile:///Users/aa/Downloads/31DukeEnvtlLPolyF1.pdf</li> <li>- The effect of China's environmental policy on its trade pattern and carbon neutrality Salam, M., Yingzhi, X., Khan, S.U. <i>et al.</i> The effect of China's environmental policy on its trade pattern and carbon neutrality. <i>Environ Dev Sustain</i> (2025). <a href="https://doi.org/offcampus.ihu.edu.tr/10.1007/s10668-025-06350-w">https://doi-org.offcampus.ihu.edu.tr/10.1007/s10668-025-06350-w</a> <a href="https://link-springer-com.offcampus.ihu.edu.tr/article/10.1007/s10668-025-06350-w#citeas">https://link-springer-com.offcampus.ihu.edu.tr/article/10.1007/s10668-025-06350-w#citeas</a></li> </ul>

8)	Nov 6	Global Actors Environmental Policy: EU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Synthesizing eco-efficiency within EU's inclusive finance: Do environmental policy stringency and renewable energy make a difference? <a href="https://www.elsevier.com/locate/energy">https://www.elsevier.com/locate/energy</a></li> </ul>
9)	Nov. 13	<u>MIDTERM EXAM</u>	
10)	Nov. 20	Energy Policies and Paradigm Shift: Transformation in the Context of Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enerji Politikaları ve Paradigma Değişimi: İklim Değişikliği Bağlamında Dönüşüm  <a href="https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/pub/joecopol/issue/89733/1594716">https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/pub/joecopol/issue/89733/1594716</a></li> </ul>
11)	Nov. 27	International Organization's Environmental Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UN, OTS, AU, OIC etc.</li> </ul>
12)	Dec. 4	Disasters due to Climate Change and Sustainable Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- İklim Değişikliğine Bağlı Afetler ve Sürdürülebilir Kalkınma <a href="https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/download/article-file/2656213">https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/download/article-file/2656213</a></li> </ul>
13)	Dec.11	The role of think tanks and NGO's regarding environmental policy	<p>The Voices of Local NGOs in Climate Change Issues: Examples from Climate Vulnerable Nations <a href="https://research-ebsco-com.offcampus.iuh.edu.tr/c/64nwez/viewer/pdf/ymora365dj">https://research-ebsco-com.offcampus.iuh.edu.tr/c/64nwez/viewer/pdf/ymora365dj</a></p>
14)	Dec. 18	Türkiye's Environmental Policy Strategy: Policy Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Current practices, potentials, challenges, future opportunities, environmental and economic assumptions for Türkiye's clean and sustainable energy policy: A comprehensive assessment</li> </ul>

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15)	Dec. 25	Azerbaijan Environmental Policy Strategy: Policy Paper	- “Azerbaijan’s Pathway to a Sustainable Energy Future.” <i>Aircenter.az</i> , 2022, <a href="http://aircenter.az/en/single/azerbaijans-pathway-to-a-sustainable-energy-future-859">aircenter.az/en/single/azerbaijans-pathway-to-a-sustainable-energy-future-859</a> .
16)	TBD	<u>FINAL EXAM</u>	