

Course title: Climate Change and Law				
Course code MPL 134	No. of credits: 2	L-T-P distribution: 12-16-0	Learning hours: 28	
Pre-requisite course code and title (if any): None				
Department: Centre for Postgraduate Legal Studies				
Course coordinator (s):		Course instructor (s) :		
Contact details:				
Course type	Elective			
Course offered in	Semester 2			
Course Description				
Climate change is one of the main challenges facing humanity today. It has severe implications for the social, economic, and political life of people around the world. An attempt is made in this course to look at the legal responses both at the national and international level to this grave crisis. In addition, the course also looks at the impact of this phenomenon on other branches of law like the law of the sea and human rights.				
Course objectives				
1. To provide an understanding of the international and national laws relating to climate change.				
2. To understand the compliance mechanism envisaged under the international legal regime.				
3. To analyse the impact of climate change on other branches of law				
Course Content			L	T P
Module 1: Introduction			4	
Climate Change: causes and effects Basic terminologies: Adaptation, Mitigation, Loss and Damage Equity concerns – Climate Justice				
Module 2: International Legal Regime on Climate Change:			2	6
UN Framework Convention on Climate Change – Kyoto Protocol - Doha Amendment - Paris Agreement Top – Down and Bottom – Up approach, NDCs – Enforcement Montreal Protocol and the Kigali Amendment International Organizations and Institutions: WMO, IPCC				
Module 3: Clean Development Mechanism and REDD+			2	2
CDM: Projects covered and excluded, Governance: International and national levels, Future of CDM projects under the Paris Agreement REDD+: Main elements – Warsaw Framework – Monitoring - Concerns				
Module 4: National Scenario			2	4
India’s obligations under International law NAPCC – Eight Missions – State Action Plans on Climate Change NDCs communicated under the Paris Agreement Energy Policies				
Module 5: Impact on other areas of law and litigation			2	4
Climate Change and the Law of the sea: Implications for sovereignty, Marine biodiversity. Climate change as a human rights issue Trade issues – Technology Transfer – IPRs Litigation Role of NGT				

Total	12	16	
Evaluation criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class participation : 10 • Term Paper : 25 • Presentations : 25 • Test 3 : 40 			
Learning outcomes By the end of the course, it is expected that the students will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be familiar with the international legal regime on climate change. 2. Be able to appreciate the concerns raised on the ground of equity and the negotiating position of developing countries. 			
Pedagogical approach A mixture of lecture and discussion methods will be adopted. The topics under each module will be introduced through an introductory lecture, followed by discussions by students. Students are expected to come prepared and initiate discussions on topics that have been assigned beforehand.			
Materials Suggested Readings Books: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carlarne, Cinnamon P., Gray, Kevin R., and Tarasofsky, Richard (eds) (2016), <i>The Oxford Handbook of International Climate Change Law</i>, Oxford: Oxford University Press. 2. French, Duncan and Rajamani, Lavanya (2013), "Climate Change and International Environmental Law: Musings on a Journey to Somewhere", <i>Journal of Environmental Law</i> 25 (3): 437-461. 3. Carlarne, Cinnamon (2014), "Delinking International Environmental Law and Climate Change", <i>Michigan Journal of Environmental and Administrative Law</i>, 4: 1. 4. Bodansky, Daniel (2016), "The Legal Character of the Paris Agreement", <i>Review of European, Comparative and International Environmental Law</i>, 25 (2): 142-150. 5. DeSombre, Elizabeth R. (2000), "The Experience of the Montreal Protocol: Particularly Remarkable, and Remarkably Particular", <i>UCLA Journal of Environmental Law & Policy</i> 19(1): 49. 6. Bhullar, Lovleen (2013), "CDM and REDD+: A Comparative Perspective", <i>International Journal of Rural Law and Policy</i>, 3 (1): Article 3. 7. Savaresi, Annalisa (2016), "A Glimpse into the Future of the Climate Regime: Lessons from the REDD+ Architecture", <i>Review of European, Comparative and International Environmental Law</i>, 25 (2): 186–196. 8. David D.Caron (2013), "Climate Change and the Oceans", in Harry N. Scheiber and Jin-Hyun Paik, eds, <i>Regions, Institutions, and the Law of the Sea: Studies in Ocean Governance</i>, Leiden: Brill Press. 9. McInerney-Lankford, Siobh'an (2009). "Climate Change and Human Rights: An Introduction to Legal Issues", <i>Harvard Environmental Law Review</i>, 33: 431 – 437. 			
Additional information (if any)			
Student responsibilities Attendance, feedback, discipline etc.			

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