

IES900 (Section 8): EAP Seminar – 1 credit

Fall 2009: “Evidence of Global Energy Governance Mechanisms”

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This seminar course is designed to offer EAP students (and those in related fields) an opportunity to explore a particular theme in the Energy Analysis and Policy area in depth. A selection of specific topics related to the theme are identified and assigned to the participating students with some guiding questions. Each week, the student responsible for that topic will identify some background reading (with assistance from the instructors) and guide a discussion with a brief (15-20 minute) informal presentation. Grades will be based on attendance and participation, with attention paid to the week that the student is leading the discussion. No other assignments are expected.

For Fall 2009 (the first time this course is offered), the theme is “*Evidence of Global Energy Governance Mechanisms*”, and is related to an ongoing collaborative research effort on the global governance of energy. Over the semester, participants will explore various governance mechanisms including institutions, governments, organizations, treaties, agreements, etc, and discuss how they contribute, if at all, to a global governance infrastructure for energy. A set of common questions will be prepared for each mechanism and each student will lead a discussion of one such mechanism or a few closely related mechanisms.

**Meeting time:** Mondays, 4-4:50 PM

**Location:** TBD

**Minimum/Maximum Enrollment:** 10/15

**Tentative schedule of weekly topics:**

September 14: Introduction and selection of topics: Global Energy Issues and Definitions of Governance

September 21: International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA); Nuclear non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)

September 28: Gazprom

October 5: The World Bank

October 12: Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)

October 19: The International Energy Agency (IEA)

October 26: The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

November 2: North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)

November 9: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

November 16: The Group of Eight (G8)

November 23: Open, topic TBD

November 30: Open, topic TBD

December 7: Open, topic TBD

December 14: Synthesis discussion

Other possible organizations to be discussed: The Asian Development Bank, the UN Global Environmental Facility, The European Union, and The North American Free Trade Agreement.