



Literature for MEST03, Climate Change Politics and Economics applies from the autumn semester 2025

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Klimatförändringarnas politiska och ekonomiska dimensioner 7,5 högskolepoäng

Climate Change Politics and Economics, 7.5 credits

MEST03 litteraturlista fastställd av LUCSUS styrelse den 4 juni 2025.

Aklin, M., and Mildenberger, M. (2020). Prisoners of the wrong dilemma: Why distributive conflict, not collective action, characterizes the politics of climate change. *Global Environmental Politics*. 20(4): 4–27. (24 pages)

Anshelm, J. and Hultman, M. (2014) *Discourses of global climate change*. London: Routledge. Chapter 1 + (2, 3 or 4) + 7. (123 pages, each student to read approximately 70)

Bacchi C. (2012a). Introducing the “What’s the problem represented to be?” approach. In Bletsas A., Beasley C. (Eds.). *Engaging with Carol Bacchi: Strategic interventions & exchanges* (pp. 21–24). Adelaide, Australia: University of Adelaide Press. (4 pages)

Bacchi C. (2012b). Why study problematizations? Making politics visible. *Open Journal of Political Science*. 2, 1–8. (8 pages)

Bernstein, S., and Hoffmann, M. (2019). Climate politics, metaphors and the fractal carbon trap. *Nature Climate Change*. 9: 919–925. (7 pages)

Bryant, G. and Weber, S. (2024) *Climate finance*. New York, NY: Columbia University Press. Chapter 2: “Sustainable” Investment. (20 pages)

Bulkeley, H. and Betsill, M. (2013) Revisiting the urban politics of climate change. *Environmental Politics*. 22(1): 136–154. (19 pages)

Bulkeley, H. and Newell, P. (2015) *Governing Climate Change*. London: Routledge. which is available as Taylor & Francis e-book via

lub.lu.se: <https://doi-org.ludwig.lub.lu.se/10.4324/9781315758237>.

Introduction and Chapter 1. (47 pages)

Bulkeley, H., Betsill, M., Compagnon, D., Hale, T., Hoffmann, M., Newell, P., and Paterson, M. (2018). Transnational Governance: Charting New Directions Post-Paris. In: A. Jordan, D. Huitema, H. van Asselt, J. Forster (Eds.). *Governing Climate Change: Polycentricity in Action?* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Available through Open Access at CUP: <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108284646>. Chapter 4. (17 pages)

Buller, A. (2022) *The Value of a Whale*. Manchester: Manchester University Press. Chapter 2: Economics and the collapse of possibility. (39 pages)

Bush, J., and Doyon, A. (2025) Climate emergency declarations by local governments– what comes next? *NPJ Climate action*. 4. (10 pages)

Castán Broto, V., Westman, L., and Huang, P. (2023) For an Urban Politics of Looking Elsewhere: Climate Action in Rapidly Growing Chinese Cities. *Journal of Planning Literature*. 38(3): 380-394. (15 pages)

Castree, N. (2008) Neoliberalising nature: the logics of deregulation and reregulation. *Environment and Planning A*. 40(1): 131-152. (22 pages)

Cornell, S.E. and Gupta, A. (2019) Is climate change the most important challenge of our times? In: Hulme, M. (ed) *Contemporary Climate Change Debates*. Routledge. Chapter 1. (15 pages)

Depledge, J. (2024) The future of negotiations under the climate change COP (Conference of the Parties): Implementation is not enough. *Dialogues on Climate Change*. 1(1): 12-17. (6 pages)

Drews, S. and van den Bergh, J. (2016) What explains support for climate policies? A review of empirical and experimental studies. *Climate Policy*. 16(7): 855-876. (22 pages)

Earth System Governance Network (2018) Science and Implementation plan - Justice and allocation. <https://www.earthsystemgovernance.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Earth-System-Governance-Science-Plan-2018.pdf> (6 pages)

Falkner, R. (2016) The Paris Agreement and the new logic of international climate politics. *International Affairs*. 92(5): 1107–1125.

Falkner, R. Nasiritousi, N. and Reischl. G. (2022) Climate clubs: politically feasible and desirable? *Climate Policy*. 22(4): 480-487. (8 pages)

Fraser, N. (2007) Re-framing justice in a globalizing world. In: Lovell, T. (ed) (Mis)recognition, Social Inequality and Social Justice. Routledge. Chapter 2. (19 pages)

Fuhr, H., Hickmann, T., and Kern, K. (2018) The role of cities in multi-level climate governance: local climate policies and the 1.5 C target. *Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability*. 30: 1-6. (7 pages)

Grubert, E. (2025) Carbon markets have no future in a (net) zero-emissions world. *Dialogues on Climate Change*. 2(1). (5 pages)

Jewell, J. and Cherp, A. (2019) On the political feasibility of climate change mitigation pathways: Is it too late to keep warming below 1.5°C? *WIREs Climate Change*. 11(1): e621. (12 pages)

Jordan, A. et al. (2022) The political challenges of deep decarbonisation: towards a more integrated agenda. *NPJ Climate Action*. 1(6). (12 pages)

Karp, D.R. and Goulding, C.L. (1995). Motivational Underpinnings of Command-and-Control, Market-Based, and Voluntarist Environmental Policies. *Human Relations*. 48(5): 439-465.

Keen, S. (2022). The appallingly bad neoclassical economics of climate change. *Globalizations*. 18(7): 1149-1177. (29 pages)

Kenis, A. (2018) Post-politics contested: Why multiple voices on climate change do not equal politicisation. *Environment and Planning C*. 37(5): 831-848. (18 pages)

Knox, H. (2020) *Thinking like a climate*. Duke University Press. Chapter 1. (34 pages)

Lamb, W.F. et al. (2020) Discourses of climate delay. *Global Sustainability*. 3: e17. (5 pages)

Lockwood, M. (2018) Right-wing populism and the climate change agenda: exploring the linkages. *Environmental Politics*. 27(4): 712-732.

Machin, A. (2022) Climates of democracy: Skeptical, rational, and radical imaginaries. *WIREs Climate Change*. 13(4): e774. (13 pages)

Mandelli, M. (2022) *Mapping eco-social policy mixes for a just transition in Europe*. Etui Working Paper. Available at: <https://www.etui.org/publications/mapping-eco-social-policy-mixes-just-transition-europe> (32 pages)

Miltenberger, O., Jospe, C., Pittman, J. (2021) The Good Is Never Perfect: Why the Current Flaws of Voluntary Carbon Markets Are Services, Not

Barriers to Successful Climate Change Action. *Frontiers in Climate*. 3. (6 pages)

Mitchell, T. (2009) Carbon democracy. *Economy and Society*. 38(3): 399-432. (33 pages)

Nasiritousi, N., Buylova, A., Fridahl, M., Reischl, G. (2024) Making the UNFCCC fit for purpose: A research agenda on vested interests and green spiraling. *Global Policy*. 15: 487–494. (8 pages)

Okereke C. (2024) Degrowth, green growth, and climate justice for Africa. *Review of International Studies*. 50(5): 910-920. (11 pages)

Osborne, N. and Carlson, A. (2023) Against a nation state of emergency: how climate emergency politics can undermine climate justice. *Nature NPJ Climate Action*. 2(46). (11 pages)

Pezzey, J. (2019) Why the Social Cost of Carbon Will Always be Disputed. *WIREs Climate Change*. 10(1): e558. (12 pages)

Stechemesser, A. et al. (2024). Climate policies that achieved major emission reductions: Global evidence from two decades. *Science*. 385: 884-892. (9 pages)

Stephens, J. (2024) *Climate Justice and the University: Shaping a Hopeful Future for All*. John Hopkins University Press. Chapter 3: Unlearning for Transformative Climate Justice. (35 pages)

Stoddard, I. et al. (2019) Three Decades of Climate Mitigation: Why Haven't We Bent the Global Emissions Curve? *Annual Review of Environment and Resources*. 46: 653-689. (37 pages)

Stavis, D. and Felli, R. (2020) Planetary Just Transitions? How inclusive and how just? *Earth System Governance*. 6: 100065. (11 pages)

Sultana, S. (2021) Critical climate justice. *The geographical journal*. 188(1): 118-124. (7 pages)

Swyngedouw, E. (2013) The Non-political Politics of Climate Change. *ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geographies*. 12(1): 1–8. (8 pages)

Van Veelen, B. and Van der Horst (2018) What is energy democracy? Connecting social science energy research and political theory. *Energy Research and Social Science*. 46: 19-28 (9 pages)

Van Veelen, B. (forthcoming) A Just Transition beyond workers: Place-based impacts of fossil fuel phase out. In: Tozer, L. et al. (Eds.) *Justice in Canada's Energy Transition*. Vancouver, Canada: UBC press. (13 pages)

Willis, R. (2017). How Members of Parliament understand and respond to climate change. *The Sociological Review*. 66(3): 475-491. (16 pages)

Other (multi-media)

Westervelt, A. (2024) Genevieve Guenther on the Language of Climate Politics. *Drilled*. [Podcast] Available at: <https://drilled.media/podcasts/drilled/11/S11Ep7>

Westervelt, A. (2023) The corporate push to criminalise speech. *Drilled*. [Podcast] Available at: <https://drilled.media/podcasts/drilled/10/drilleds10-ep01>

Andree, P. and Katz-Rosene, R. (2022) What does a just transition really entail? From green jobs to decolonization. *The Ecopolitics Podcast*. [Podcast] Available at: <https://www.ecopoliticspodcast.ca/episode-3-4-what-does-a-just-transition-really-entail-from-green-jobs-to-decolonization/>

Total number of pages

1126

826 pages compulsory reading + approximately 300 pages additional reading expected for assignments

Approximately 2.5 hours multimedia.

Author gender balance

The authors perceived as female are highlighted in yellow. 54% of articles/podcasts have a female first author or presenter.