

Earth System Governance

Workshop Chair: Michele M. Betsill, Colorado State University

Location: San Francisco Hilton, Yosemite B

Time: Tuesday, March 25, 2008; 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

We propose to hold a workshop to develop a research agenda for the study of earth system governance. This new area of study draws on previous work in the social sciences on the role of institutions in global environmental change and responds to demands from the emerging worldwide earth system science community for an understanding of how governance systems influence the co-evolution of human and natural systems. It draws in particular on research undertaken by the project on the Institutional Dimensions of Global Environmental Change (IDGEC), which ran from 1998 to 2006. The workshop will bring together members of the Scientific Planning Committee for a new long-term international project under the International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change (IHDP). The primary goal of the workshop is to finalize the draft Science Plan for this new initiative. Assuming the Science Plan is accepted by the IHDP Scientific Steering Committee (following an external review in April/May 2008), the Earth System Governance project will be formally launched at the October 2008 Open Meeting of the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change Research Community in New Delhi, India.

Workshop Participants:

- Michele Betsill, Political Science Colorado State University
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- Ken Conca, Political Science University of Maryland
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- Norichika Kanie, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan
- Louis Lebel Di, Unit for Social Chiang Mai University Thailand
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- Agus Sari, Ecosurances, Indonesia
- Falk Schmidt, Int'l Human Dimensions Programme, Germany
- Heike Schröder, Oxford University, UK
- Bernd Siebenhüner, Ecological Economics University of Oldenburg Germany
- Simon Tay, Singapore Institute of International Affairs, Singapore
- Oran Young, Bren University of California-Santa Barbara
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Registration has closed. Thank you for your interest.