

**Call for Methodological Diversity:  
Understanding the Inside of Environmental Agreement Making**

April 2-3, 2018

University of California, Berkeley

**Workshop Organizers:** Hannah Hughes (Cardiff University), Kim Marion Suiseeya (Northwestern University), Kate O'Neill (University of California, Berkeley), and Alice Vadrot (Cambridge University and University of Vienna)

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**Workshop Agenda**

*This workshop brings together early career and senior scholars to explore and engage with methodological diversity in the context of international environmental agreement making. The workshop aims to achieve the following objectives: (1) generate productive and critical feedback to strengthen contributions for a special section in global environmental politics; (2) to facilitate mentoring and networking opportunities between early career and senior scholars interested in advancing methodological frontiers in global environmental politics; and, (3) develop a future research agenda to explore and advance methodological frontiers in global environmental politics.*

*To achieve these objectives, the workshop is divided into two parts.*

- 1) In the first half of the workshop, we have a series of four well-developed papers that will form part of a special section in an upcoming issue of Global Environmental Politics. Everyone should read the papers in detail prior to the workshop in order to be prepared for the discussion. Authors will spend five minutes (max) introducing their paper, which will be followed by 10 minute feedback from a discussant before we open to the group for further commentary and questions. The feedback and discussion generated through these papers will help identify common threads for methodological innovation that can be further developed through the papers.*
- 2) The second half of the workshop is dedicated to laying out a further research agenda on methodological innovation in global environmental politics. We have a series of discussions that will co-engage senior scholars with graduate students to identify the gaps and opportunities for advancing knowledge frontiers around agreement making. Throughout the workshop there will be structured and unstructured mentoring opportunities.*

Monday, April 2, 2018

The workshop will be hosted at Berkeley Faculty Club: <https://www.berkeleyfacultyclub.com/>

2:00: Check-in at the Berkeley Faculty Club (available from 2pm)

6:00: Meet at the Faculty Club reception for dinner (location to be confirmed).

*Please note: the dinner is funded by the workshop. Please confirm your attendance with Kim Suiseeya by Saturday, March 31.*

Tuesday, April 3, 2018  
The Faculty Club, University of California at Berkeley

8:45 am: Arrival and coffee

9:00: Welcome and Introduction to the Workshop (Hannah)

9:15: ***Systems thinking for research on international environmental negotiations***

Author: Jonathan Pickering

Discussant: Kate O'Neill

10:05: Coffee break

10:20: ***Weighting the world: IPBES and the struggle over biocultural diversity***

Authors: Hannah Hughes and Alice Vadrot

Discussant: Peter Haas

11:10: ***Making influence visible: Innovations in ethnography in International Relations***

Authors: Kimberly R. Marion Suiseeya and Laura Zanotti

Discussant: Ana Mauad

12:00 – 13:00: Lunch

13:00-13:50: ***Using negotiation sites for richer collection of network data***

Author: Mat Paterson

Discussant: Jonas Meckling

13:50-2:05: Coffee

2:05 – 4:00: Roundtable

Facilitator: Hannah Hughes

The view from the field: Sheryl Lightfoot (via Skype), Kate O'Neill, Peter Haas

The PhD perspective: Kate Haapala, Sebastián Rubiano-Galvis

Key Questions:

- (1) International agreement or order-making: how can we combine our quantitative and qualitative data to illuminate these sites?;
- (2) Intergovernmental expert bodies as negotiating sites: Do we need new concepts or hybrid forms to understand these events?;
- (3) Participant observation versus ethnography: What are we doing through our research methods and what makes them distinct?

4:00: Conclusion and next steps

4:30: Workshop Ends