

Policy Quiz Study Notes, Environmental Studies (Spring 2010)
Covering Chasek *et al*'s *Global Environmental Politics*

Key terms and concepts to understand (and to be able to explain their significance as they relate to global environmental issues). Anything on the class notes is technically fair game, but the quiz will focus on the following issues.

Chasek, ch. 1: Introduction. distributive justice, transboundary externalities, global environmental issues, veto power, international regimes, soft law, framework convention and protocols, zero-sum (and non zero-sum), dominant social paradigm

Chasek, ch. 2: Actors. Types of actors: states (lead states, supporting states, swing states, and veto states), international and intergovernmental organizations (IOs and IGOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), multinational corporations. Be able to distinguish between different kinds of international and non-governmental organizations (as laid out in the class notes).

Chasek, ch. 3-5 (5th ed; ch. 3 in 4th ed): 10 case studies. Be able to identify the four stages (issue definition, fact-finding, regime creation, regime strengthening) and answer the following questions for each of the case studies addressed: who are the lead states, and why? Who are the veto states, and why? How do the lead states convince the veto states to join the regime? (or, if they fail to do so, why?) Has this regime been successful—either completely or at all—in regulating the issue in question? Why or why not?

Chasek, ch. 7 (ch. 5 in 4th ed): International Trade / Ecolabeling. GATT/Uruguay Round, Tuna-Dolphin case, Shrimp-Turtle case, conflict of laws, neoliberal economics and the 'race to the bottom', ecolabeling (pros and cons, as well as different kinds – third-party, company-driven, and government-driven), subsidies

Various assignments on Corporate Social Responsibility: Why has CSR become increasingly important over the last few decades? What are the possible benefits of CSR, whether to companies or the general public? What are the possible shortcomings of CSR? Be prepared to discuss a specific example both of effective CSR and of 'greenwashing'