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Lucy Jarosz is Professor and Chair of Geography. Her research and teaching center upon questions of hunger, the political economy/ecology of agriculture and questions of food sovereignty and food security policy. Her work has been published in geography journals and in interdisciplinary, international social science journals and has been funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the National Science Foundation, the Government of Canada, and the University of Washington.

William McGuire  
INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS & SCIENCES, UW TACOMA
William McGuire is an Assistant Professor of Economics in the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences at the University of Washington Tacoma. He currently has two active lines of research related to environmental governance. One focuses on the role of voluntary industry standards in the private provision of environmental and other credence goods. The other focuses on how social norms influence the public’s valuation of environmental amenities, and the implications of these norms for environmental policy.

Martha Groom  
INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS & SCIENCES, UW BOTHELL
Martha Groom is a Professor of Environmental Studies at the University of Washington Bothell & Seattle, based in Seattle, USA. She is the lead editor and author of Principles of Conservation Biology, 2006, using the text to highlight case studies of conservation practice. Her research focuses on the intersections of biodiversity conservation and sustainable development, and on effective teaching practice. Currently, she is a section editor for the new journal Case Studies in the Environment. She also is a leader of the Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program at the University of Washington, a summer intensive program for undergraduates aimed at building truly inclusive conservation practice.

Maureen A. Pirog  
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS, INDIANA UNIVERSITY
Maureen A. Pirog is the Rudy Professor of Public Policy Analysis in the School of Public and Environment Affairs at Indiana University. Dr. Pirog’s current research focuses on the evaluation of government programs, the methodology of evaluation as well as the evaluation of various social welfare policies. She is a co-editor of Contemporary Economic Policy. She served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Policy Analysis and Management for a decade as well as the Series Editor of JRAM Classics (2004–2014). She currently serves as a member of the editorial boards of three additional journals.
Environmental Narratives, Communication & Public Opinion

Alex DeGolia
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA
Economic Losses or Environmental Gains? Using Outcome Frames and Prospect Theory to Guide Invasive Species Communication

Alex DeGolia is a PhD candidate in the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management at UC Santa Barbara. His dissertation research focuses on why individuals engage in different types of environmental action in pursuit of similar goals and how environmental message framing influences attitudes and activism. Alex also currently works as a research manager for the Analyst Institute, where he helps design, implement, and analyze randomized field experiments for progressive political organizations. Prior to attending the Bren School, Alex worked for two years in the Obama Administration, for the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Commerce. He also spent fifteen months in 2007-2008 working for Obama for America across six states. Alex holds a B.A. from Swarthmore College and an M.A. from UC Santa Barbara, both in political science.

Parrish Bergquist
MIT
The State-Level Foundations of Partisan Sorting

Parrish Bergquist is a doctoral candidate at MIT’s departments of Political Science and Urban Studies & Planning. She studies public opinion, political parties, and political representation in the United States, with a focus on state politics and the environment. Her dissertation project addresses the relationship between elite-partisan and public attitudes about environmental protection, and asks why the relationship between party positions and public attitudes varies across political issues. She is also working on two collaborative projects, one of which examines public attitudes about energy transmission infrastructure. The second assesses whether changes in temperature and other climatic indicators influence the public’s views about climate change. Parrish grew up in Birmingham, AL, earned her B.A. from the University of Virginia and master’s degrees in environmental policy and urban planning from the University of Michigan.

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Narrative Policy Framework: An empirical examination of predictive power

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Ryan Scott
EVANS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY & GOVERNANCE, UW SEATTLE
Ryan is a doctoral student in the Daniel J Evans School of Public Affairs, and his primary interest is in the development of policies to support risk management of emerging technologies. He is particularly interested in the role and provision of scientific information in areas of policy uncertainty. His work has included the use of life cycle assessment and decision analysis to study the impacts of nanotechnology in the photovoltaic sector and the use statistical and historical methods to characterize the role of benefit cost analysis and decision analysis in contested environmental policy decisions. Currently he is studying the development and efficacy of risk governance policies in the unconventional gas sector. Ryan has a masters degree in Public Policy and Management from University of Washington, and Bachelor of Arts degrees in History and Political Science from Washington State University.

Ryan Kelly
SCHOOL OF MARINE & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS, UW SEATTLE
Trained as both an ecologist and a lawyer, Ryan Kelly has a broad set of interests, focused both on hard scientific data and policymakers’ use of those data. From the science side, he studies the interplay between geography, ecology, and genetics in marine species. His more applied research joins genetic and ecological research with real-world implementation in law and policy, particularly with respect to environmental monitoring, resource management, endangered species, and ocean acidification. In general, he is drawn to projects that have significant elements of both scientific and policy relevance as we work towards more sustainable use of marine resources.

Panelists

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Yael Barash-Harman  
**HEBREW UNIVERSITY, JERUSALEM**  
The effect of trade on the environmental performance of local Indian firms

Yael Barash is a PhD candidate in the Advanced School of Environmental Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She holds an M.Sc in microbiology and a Masters of Business Administration. Yael is a founding member of BioPetroClean, a start-up company specializing in industrial wastewater through bioremediation, which operates mainly in India. Yael's research utilizes her experience in microbiology and business to explore the factors influencing Indian firms' environmental behavior. Her study illuminates how a matrix of factors, including type of sector, product, and target markets, determine whether and how companies clean up after themselves.

Alexander Ruch  
**CORNELL UNIVERSITY**  
The Empire Strikes Back: Activism, Industry Mobilization, and the Adoption of Pro-GMO Policies

Alexander Ruch is a PhD student in the Department of Sociology at Cornell University, where he is also earning a PhD minor in information science. His research links culture and cognition, social psychology, and political sociology using network, computational, and experimental methods. In these areas, he has studied morality, identity, risk, and conflicts between science, technology, and culture. Alexander also researches how food systems affect individuals’ diets over time from a nutritional epidemiology standpoint. Alexander earned his MA in sociology from the University of Iowa and his MPH from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Caitlin Scott  
**UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO**  
Sustainably sourced junk food? Big Food and the making of sustainable diets

Caitlin Scott is a PhD Candidate and SSHRC Doctoral Fellow at the University of Waterloo in the School of Environment, Resources and Sustainability. Her research explores the challenges of governing for sustainable diets focusing on ideational debates and power. She is interested specifically in food at the intersection of health and environmental issues. Caitlin’s interest in this topic comes from an academic background in environmental studies and a personal interest in nutrition and health. Her work places emphasis on the role that Big Food corporations are playing in framing the sustainability of their products and investigates how ultra-processed foods fit into conceptions of sustainable diets. In addition to her research, Caitlin is the student coordinator for the Waterloo Food Issues Group, the administrator and treasurer for the Canadian Association of Food Studies, and a volunteer program analyst for the Regional Sustainability Initiative at Sustainable Waterloo Region.
Environmental Regimes & Networks

Jessica Rudnick

Agriculture Policy Networks across Multiple Places and Regions

Jessica Rudnick is a social-environmental scientist in the second year of her Ph.D. work in the Graduate Group in Ecology at the University of California Davis. Her research interests focus on human behavior in agroecological systems, climate-agriculture adaptation, and the development of agro-environmental policy, with a focus on farming communities that are at high risk of climate change impacts. She has been working at the intersection of scientific research and policy as a research fellow at the California Department of Food and Agriculture analyzing policy tools that support adaptation and building resilience in California’s food system. Her dissertation work seeks to examine influences on agricultural decision-making and the adoption of multi-benefit, climate-smart farm management practices. Jessica holds a BA in Environmental Earth Science from Washington University in St. Louis and has worked with community development organizations on urban farming initiatives prior to beginning her graduate work.

Laura Herzog

The Perception of Environmental Problems – A Trigger for Cooperation?

Laura M. Herzog is a Ph.D. student at the Institute of Political Science at the University of Bern where she is part of the research group Policy Analysis and Environmental Governance. She is interested in the dynamics of social-ecological systems, the emergence of environmental and common pool resource problems and the development of regulatory institutions. In her dissertation she analyses the drivers of cooperation among actors engaged in water quality policy. She uses social network analyses tools to study these cooperation patterns. In particular, she investigates the mechanisms leading to collective action and the development of policy instruments regulating micro-pollutants in the river Rhine. Laura holds a Diploma (Master’s Degree) in Political Science from the Freie Universität Berlin.

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Allison Kelly

Discussant

Evans School of Public Policy & Governance, UW Seattle

Allison Kelly is a PhD student in the Public Policy and Management program at the Evans School of Public Affairs. Her research interests include environmental policy and international development, as well as ecological economics and the valuation of ecosystem services. She is particularly interested in studying how to incorporate and balance social, economic, and ecological goals in reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD) programs. Allison is a returned Peace Corps Volunteer (Panama 2009-11, Community Environmental Conservation) and previously worked for the California Coastal Commission. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Conservation and Resource Studies at the University of California at Berkeley in 2006.

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Adrienne Strubb
University of Minnesota
Selecting science in the South: evaluating the capacity of natural resource knowledge-brokering in Texas
Adrienne Strubb is a PhD candidate in Forest Resources at University of Minnesota. She holds a BS in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences and a BA in French from Oregon State University. She completed her MA in International Environmental Policy from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies in Monterey, California in 2011. Her broader interests have been to understand how science is selected and filtered by individuals and organizations for application. Drawing from information-seeking literature, Adrienne explores the capacity for scientific knowledge transfer in agencies that govern complex and changing environments. Her dissertation looks to understand the relationships between institutional incentives and barriers and individual motivation to seek innovative science over ‘tried and true’ methods.

Georgia Pfeiffer
University of Arizona
Advocacy Coalitions and the Structure of Environmental Policy Networks
Georgia Pfeiffer is a doctoral student in the School of Government and Public Policy at the University of Arizona. Her broad research interests include environmental policy, diffusion of energy technologies, and network studies. Her current research uses network analysis to examine the policy making process surrounding environmental issues. In particular, the study presented at this workshop explores the patterns of collaboration within a community of professionals who evaluate environmental risk in a policy setting.

Daniel Feinberg
School of Forestry and Environmental Science, UW Seattle
Daniel Feinberg is a doctoral student in the School of Environmental and Forest Sciences at the University of Washington. Broadly, his research interests include urban ecology and the intersection of science and policy. More specifically, his current work aims to investigate determinants of hazard mitigation planning in the context of climate change in Washington State. Previously, Daniel earned an M.S. in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation from the University of Florida and a B.A. in Biology from Hamilton College. He also studied Environmental Science at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA and served as a Biological Aide with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Virginia Beach, VA.

Kristin Olofsson
University of Colorado, Denver
Individual Participation in High-Conflict Policy Issues: How Context Influences Micro-Level Political Behavior in the Policy Process
Kristin Olofsson is a PhD candidate in Public Affairs at the University of Colorado Denver School of Public Affairs. She is a research assistant with the Workshop on Public Policy Research and a research fellow with the University of Stirling, Scotland. UK. She has been funded through National Science Foundation grants focusing on unconventional oil and gas exploration in several states and the development of low carbon cities in China, India and the United States. Her past research focused on financial and economic market growth as well as political psychology and its intersection with advanced democratic values. Her current work explores the political behavior of policy actors, to better capture the impact of participation within the policy process and the resulting quality of politics. Kristin earned her BA in Political Science from the University of Colorado Boulder and an MS in Development Studies from Uppsala University in Uppsala, Sweden.

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Climate Governance

Robert Huber
ETH ZURICH
The Influence of Social Norm Interventions on Voluntary Carbon Offsetting

Robert A. Huber is a PhD student in the International Relations group at ETH Zurich, Switzerland. He holds a MA degree from the University of Salzburg. Robert’s work focuses on explanations and consequences of populism as well as explanations of climate skepticism and environmental behavior. He published articles in Political Studies and Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft.

Steve Karceski
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
Taxing Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Steven is a graduate student in the Sociology Department at the University of Washington. His research focuses on taxation, with a particular interest in taxes on greenhouse gas-emitting activities and the political, economic, and cultural factors associated with their use. More generally, he is interested in political sociology, fiscal sociology, and political economy. He earned a BA in Business and Economics from North Park University in Chicago.

Youngbin Joo
UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

Youngbin Joo is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Strategic Management & Organization at the Alberta School of Business, University of Alberta (Canada). His research is at the intersection of innovation, institutional theory, and business strategy, with a focus on clean technology development. He explores how institutional environments both enable and constrain innovations, with social, environmental and economic consequences for regional and national communities. Youngbin earned his master’s and bachelor’s degrees in Economics from McGill University in Canada.
Environmental Governance in China

Tingjia Chen  UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
Public Awareness and Biased Environmental Regulation in China

Tingjia Chen is a PhD candidate in the School of Government and Public Policy at the University of Arizona. Her research interests include institutional analysis and environmental politics and policy with a geographical focus on China. Her current research is exploring the causes and consequences of environmental injustice in China. Specifically, she is studying how political network, economic discrepancy, and public awareness affect the regulatory behaviors and how the regulatory behaviors shape strategic competition among local governments.

Yue Fang  UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR
Is a Word to the Wise Sufficient?: Evidence from China’s ”Invite-to-talk” Environmental Policy

Yue Fang is a PhD Candidate in Business Economics at Ross School of Business, University of Michigan. Despite his primary interest in financial economics, he is also interested in the political economy of environmental issues. In particular, he has been focusing on issues related to the pollution problem and the unique mode of governance in China.

Michael Davidson  MIT
Markets for Wind Electricity in China: Case Studies of Energy Policy and Regulation

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Understanding Government-Supporting Nonprofits and Their Relationship with Governments: Evidence from Local Parks and Recreation Services

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Drinking Water Quality in Seattle Public Schools: A Case of Environmental Equity

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Ipsita Das
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL
Social Capital, Cooking-Related Perceptions and Clean Fuel Use in Rwanda

Ipsita Das is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Public Policy at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Her research interests are in examining the relationships between environment, energy poverty, health and development outcomes, health-improving technology adoption and behavior change, and program evaluation. Her dissertation focuses on understanding the individual, household and community-level determinants of clean energy adoption in India and Rwanda. She holds a Master of Public Policy from Duke University, Post-Graduate degree in Rural Management from Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar, India, and a Bachelor degree in Sociology (Honors) from Miranda House, University of Delhi, India.

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Farah Hegazi  
DUKE UNIVERSITY 
Patron-Client Networks and Protests: The Politics of Water and Sanitation in Egypt

Farah Hegazi is a Ph.D. student in environmental politics and policy at Duke University. Her primary research focuses on the challenges that governments in the Middle East and North Africa face in delivering water and sanitation services to un-served and under-served areas, and how to overcome those challenges. She also conducts research on environmental security and environmental peacebuilding. Farah holds a BSc. in environmental science from McGill University and a Master of Environmental Management from Duke University.

Brett Miller  
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY 
The Influence of Water-Related Recreational Activity and Community Activeness on Water Policy Perspectives

Brett Miller is a PhD student in Sociology and a graduate research assistant with the iUTAH research project. Brett began his academic career as an environmental educator, culminating in an appointment at the University of Idaho’s McCall Outdoor Science School where he earned his Environmental Education Certificate in 2013. This appointment led to earning his Master of Science in Natural Resources in 2015; Brett wrote his thesis on the ecosystem service value of streamflow in the Salmon River Basin, Idaho. In his doctoral program in Sociology, he is working with Dr. Courtney Flint studying the values and vulnerabilities associated with water in northern Utah as well as regional perspectives on the Wasatch Mountains.

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Climate information, risk perceptions and adaptation action in the water sector

Berdakh Utemuratov is a PhD candidate in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Connecticut. Being a person from the south of Aral Sea and witnessing its shrinking – he is very much concerned with environmental policies and governance. He is currently working on understanding the climate information use by water sector managers in US, thus improving the “science – decision making” relationship in water governance. However, his main research area is on understanding the role of knowledge in groundwater governance and conflict management and many of his other research works focuses on Central Asia water as well. He holds Master’s degree on Water Resources Development and Natural Resources Management from Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IIT-Roorkee) and North Dakota State University (NDSU) respectively. Prior to US worked as an irrigation and drainage system design engineer for various projects funded under World Bank, ADB, and UNDP in Uzbekistan.