STPEC 491H
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Barnes 2014 Chs. 6-9
Burtraw & Sekar 2014
McKibben 2012
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Nov. 10  Climate Politics  Engler & Engler 2013
Skocpol 2013
Brecher 2013

Nov. 17  Militarism & the Environment  Hynes 2014
Hartmann 2014
Verhoeven 2014

Nov. 24 & Dec. 1 .......................... STUDENT VIDEO PRESENTATIONS  ..................................................

READINGS:

Books: Three books are available at Amherst Books (8 Main St., Amherst). They also are on reserve at the UMass W.E.B. DuBois Library.


Other readings: The following readings are available on the course Moodle site or the UMass library's e-reserve:


**Subsidizing Inequality: Mexican Corn Policy Since NAFTA.** Washington, DC: Wilson Center.


Anseeuw, Ward *et al.* (2012) 'Transnational Land Deals for Agriculture in the Global South,' Bern/Montpelier/Hamburg: CDE/CIRAD/GIGA.


Broad, Robin (2014) 'Responsible mining,' *Extractive Industries and Society* 1: 4-6.


Burtraw, Dallas and Samantha Sekar (2014) 'Two world views on carbon revenues,' *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences* 4: 110-120.


Hynes, Patricia (2014) "The Invisible "Casualty of War"," Different Takes No. 84.

Hartmann, Betsy (2014) 'Converging on Disaster,' Geopolitics 00: 1-27.

Verhoeven, Harry (2014) 'Gardens of Eden or Hearts of Darkness?' Geopolitics 00: 1-22.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

There are three course requirements [percentage of grade in brackets]:

1. **Class participation:** Keep up with the reading and active participation in class discussions [25%].

2. **Group projects:** Participation in a small group that will make:
   - (i) four brief PowerPoint presentations (approximately 5 minutes each), on topics to be assigned in class [20%];
   - (ii) a short video, on a topic to be chosen in consultation with Prof. Boyce [25%].

3. **Term paper:** A 12-18 page term paper on a topic to be chosen in consultation with Prof. Boyce [30%].