Nature of the Course:

This is a year-long research seminar on topics in environmental and natural resource economics. It meets on Wednesdays from 4:30 PM to 5:45 PM. Seminars emphasize theoretical models, quantitative empirical analysis, and public policy applications, featuring presentations by invited speakers. Auditors are welcome. There will be a brief information session for students who may wish to enroll on Wednesday, September 2nd. The first meeting of seminar in the fall semester will be on Wednesday, September 9th. The fall schedule is on the following page. Zoom links for the information session on September 2nd and for all subsequent meetings of the seminar are at the Canvas course website: https://canvas.harvard.edu/courses/74265.

Course Requirements:

Registered students must enroll for the full year of the seminar and attend all sessions, which will be on line, at least during the fall semester. They prepare a research paper, an outline of which is due at the conclusion of the fall semester. Papers are due at the conclusion of the spring semester, and should be at the level of the seminar, i.e. Ph.D.-level economics. In addition, students prepare brief (two-page) essays related to each seminar presentation and discussion throughout the year. Required reading consists of papers presented at each session.

Prerequisites:

The course is intended primarily for Ph.D. students in economics, political economy and government, public policy, health policy, and related fields with interests in applications in the environmental and natural resource area. Prerequisites include Ph.D.-level course work in microeconomic theory, such as Economics 2010A/B, Economics 2020A/B (cross-listed as Kennedy School API-111/112), and API-109i/110i.

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September 2  
Student Information Session

September 9  

September 23  

October 7  

October 21  
Antonio Bento, Noah S. Miller, University of Southern California, Mehreen Mookerjee, Zayed University, and Edson R. Severini, Carnegie Mellon University. “A Unifying Approach to Measuring Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation.”

November 4  

November 18  

December 2  

Note: Name of presenter is in Bold.

For further information, contact Professor Stavins at the Kennedy School, Professor Stock at the Department of Economics, or the course assistant, Jason Chapman (496-8054), or visit the seminar web site.