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US CLIMATE LAW

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An expert on environmental law and policy, Michael Wara's research focuses on climate policy and regulation, both domestically and internationally. Professor Wara's current scholarship addresses the performance of the emerging global market for greenhouse gases and mechanisms for reducing emissions, especially in developing countries after the Kyoto Protocol expires in 2012. Professor Wara was formerly a geochemist and climate scientist and has published work on the history of the El Niño/La Niña system and its response to changing climates, especially those warmer than today. The results of his scientific research have been published in premier scientific journals, including *Science* and *Nature*. Professor Wara joined Stanford Law School in 2007 as a research fellow in environmental law and as a lecturer in law. Previously, he was an associate in Holland & Knight's Government Practice Group, where his practice focused on climate change, land use, and environmental law. Professor Wara is a research fellow at the Program in Energy and Sustainable Development in Stanford's Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies.

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OBJECTIVES

- Assess the response of the United States to the United Nations Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol and the Copenhagen Agreement
- Analyse the climate change legislation passed by the US House of Representatives and the US Senate in 2010
- Discussion about the considerable efforts of state and local governments in the United States to address climate change law

CONTENT

- Review of renewable energy and energy efficiency initiatives as well as the interface between the economic stimulus package and climate change

TIMETABLE

Semester 2 Intensive

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ASSESSMENT

- 1 x 8,000-10,000 Word essay (100%)

APPLICABLE DEGREES

Master of Laws (LLM)
Master of Environmental Law (MEL)
Master of Environmental Science & Law (MEnvSci&Law)
Master of Global Law (MGlobL)
Master of International Law (MIL)
Graduate Diploma in Law (GradDipLaw)

Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law (GradDipEnvLaw)

Graduate Diploma in International Law (GradDipIL)

LEGAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

You can enrol in this unit on an LPD basis. Seminars, courses and units of study offered under Sydney Law School's LPD Program meet the necessary requirements of both the Law Society of New South Wales and the New South Wales Bar Association in relation to their individual members.

SINGLE UNIT ENROLMENT

You can enrol in this subject on a single unit or non-award basis if you do not wish to commit to a Masters or Graduate Diploma. You can continue to add units via this method, and provided you meet the relevant requirements, you can also qualify for a Graduate Diploma or Masters if you so wish.

CROSS INSTITUTIONAL STUDY

Subject to approval from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Coursework), candidates in other Faculties at the University of Sydney or from other universities may be able to enrol in this unit.

FEE

\$2,760 (Local Students)

\$3,510 (International Students)

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