

Political Science 222: Problems of the Global Community  
Dr. Kille - Spring 2006

Atmosphere class preparation (for April 13)

1. Seis discusses three forms of atmosphere pollution (global warming, ozone depletion, and acid rain). Be prepared to discuss the differences between these, including the sources, effects, and efforts to address.

2. There are many areas of pollution, do you believe that atmosphere pollution deserves particular emphasis? If not, are there pollution issues that you believe should be emphasized instead? Does your answer vary by type of atmosphere pollution?

\*Exercise: As part of this debate, the class will be divided into 3 policy groups, each lobbying the government to spend more funds on their area (global warming, ozone depletion, and acid rain). Come prepared to argue why your area deserves “atmosphere pollution fighting funding” over the other two problem areas. Be sure to draw also on Shank’s “Is Global Warming a Threat to Our Planet”, either to support your argument for focusing on global warming or to argue against the need to focus on global warming in relation to other areas.

3. Shank provides a wide range of policy options for addressing global warming, which option or options do you personally support and why? What are the key arguments underlying the different policy approaches?