

**Political Science 246 - Peace Studies**

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Discussion questions for Environmental Protection

What is your reaction to Jeong's statement that opens his chapter "Dealing with diverse sources of global environmental problems has become an important security issue" (p. 95) and his conclusion, "Peace on the earth cannot be realized without ecological balance" (p. 104)?

In considering your reaction, think about:

1. Is environmental damage a form of violence? How does it undermine "peace"?
2. How should environmental security be approached? Be sure to consider this question in relation to the "Tools for Environmental Peacebuilders" presented by Soroos.
3. Overall, would you rate yourself as "environmentally pessimistic" or "environmentally optimistic" and why? Any areas that more optimistic about? Any areas more pessimistic about? What problems need to be overcome?

Please also be sure to bring at least one current news example of environmental issues that we can use to illustrate our discussion.