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a concise and authoritative guide to the evolution terms and implications of the kyoto protocol this book provides an economic and political account of key policy debates and their outcome it also explains the meaning of provisions on emissions trading and other flexibility mechanisms and provides a quantitative analysis using the emissions trading model devised by the riaa s energy and environmental programme

the adoption of the kyoto protocol in december 1997 was a major achievement in the endeavour to tackle the problem of global climate change at the dawn of the 21st century after many years of involvement in the negotiation process the book s two internationally recognised authors now offer the international community a first hand and inside perspective of the debate on the kyoto protocol the book provides a comprehensive scholarly analysis of the history and content of the protocol itself as well as of the economic political and legal implications of its implementation it also presents a perspective for the further development of the climate regime these important features make this book an indispensable working tool for policy makers negotiators academics and all those actively involved and interested in climate change issues in both the developed and developing world

this volume investigates the potential performance of the kyoto protocol s international trading mechanisms in the presence of diverse types of domestic greenhouse policy instruments

this book is devoted to the the kyoto protocol which is a significant protocol to the international framework convention on climate change with the objective of reducing greenhouse gases that cause climate change it was adopted on 11 december 1997 by the 3rd conference of the parties which was meeting in kyoto and it entered into force on 16 february 2005 as of june 2008 182 parties have ratified the protocol of these 36 developed cg countries plus the eu as a party in its own right are required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to the levels specified for each of them in the treaty representing over 61 6 of emissions from annex i countries with three more countries intending to participate one hundred thirty seven 137 developing countries have ratified the protocol including brazil china and india but have no obligation beyond monitoring and reporting emissions the kyoto protocol separates countries into two groups annex i includes

developed nations while non annex i refers to developing countries emission limitations are only placed on annex i countries non annex i nations participate by investing in projects that lower emissions in their own countries for these projects they earn carbon credits these credits can be traded or sold to annex i countries which allow them a higher level of maximum carbon emissions for that period

crucial issues in climate change and the kyoto protocol asia and the world focuses on responses to climate change in the world's most populous region this book provides the most comprehensive insight to the climate change discourse within asia to date by drawing on the diverse disciplines and experience of legal practitioners climate change consultants government officials and academics individual chapters address issues such as how the various asian countries are highly disparate in their cultures socio economic conditions and political systems are responding to climate change the challenges of mitigating and adapting to climate change and the effective implementation of the kyoto protocol in asia sample chapter's foreword 37 kb chapter 1 climate disruption remaking the agenda of meas in asia and the world 138 kb contents setting the stage climate disruption remaking the agenda of meas in asia and the world n a robinson reframing global warming toward a strategic national planning framework s v valentine climate change are living in the anthropocene j obbard clean development mechanism cdm an overview of the clean development mechanism in southeast asia j lin cdm in china x yang x wang empirical considerations in the development of cdm projects in asia w i y byun f h c chan making markets work are a review of cdm performance and the need for reform c streck j lin emissions trading in the european union and asia regional framework the european union emissions trading scheme are past present and future k deketelaere m schurmans trends in carbon trading practical lessons a beatty e williams effective implementation of the kyoto in asia singapore's national climate change strategy k suresh japan achieving its kyoto target h isozaki compliance under the kyoto protocol and its implications for the asian region m s manguiat climate change as a threat to peace security glacial melting human security in the himalayas k khoday the kyoto protocol and beyond a south asian perspective a gunawansa beyond kyoto climate change including a discussion of the ap6 initiative from the australian perspective m i jeffery protecting forests to mitigate global climate change c streck readership environmental lawyers policy makers practitioners in cdm tertiary students in environmental sciences

the participation of the european community and the member states in the international climate change regimes is a complex issue in the case of the kyoto protocol this is rendered more complicated by the fact that for the purposes of article 4 of the kyoto protocol the membership of the european community and member states is frozen at a particular point in time the result of this is that under international law the european community and a part of the member states eu15 have agreed to jointly fulfil some of those obligations whereas under community law all member states share a certain degree of responsibility to meet the obligations created by the kyoto protocol this book analyses in great detail the kyoto protocol and its obligations as well as the discrepancies between international law and community law in that regard the book is a useful tool for academics practitioners consultants and all stakeholders operating in the field of environmental law and climate change leonardo massai is a legal expert and lecturer in international and eu environmental law and climate change

this book considers the driving elements behind the benefits and costs of climate protection via kyoto or similar international agreements that follow

according to the contributors of this volume a wide range of options in addition to the kyoto protocol need to be considered to promote long term climate protection and bridge the growing divide among nations over how to take action this compilation explores some of the best alternatives with special attention to options that promote participation by both industrialized and developing countries

the kyoto protocol represents a landmark international agreement aimed at addressing climate change through legally binding commitments by industrialized countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions written in formal diplomatic language the text reflects the complexity and urgency of negotiating environmental obligations among diverse nations the protocol is contextualized within the broader discourse of global environmental politics and the pressing need for cooperative action showcasing not only the scientific consensus around climate change but also the ethical imperatives that underpin environmental stewardship in an interconnected world the united nations has played a pivotal role in fostering international dialogue and cooperation on climate issues building on decades of environmental advocacy and policy development the genesis of the kyoto protocol can be traced back to earlier frameworks such as the un framework convention on climate change illustrating the un's commitment to sustainable development this document emerged from extensive

negotiations consolidating knowledge and expertise from various fields reflecting the organization's mission to promote peace and collaboration among nations in facing shared global challenges this protocol is essential reading for scholars policy makers and citizens alike illuminating the intricate landscape of international climate policy by engaging with the text readers not only gain an understanding of the mechanisms behind global climate agreements but also appreciate the need for collective action in combating climate change the kyoto protocol serves as a crucial reference point in the ongoing discourse on environmental governance and a poignant reminder of our shared responsibility to protect the planet

seminar paper from the year 2004 in the subject environmental sciences grade 17 university of applied sciences constanze course environmental economics language english abstract the earth has a natural temperature control system the greenhouse gases belong to this system following we can see the main greenhouse gases water vapor it is a kind of gaseous water individual water molecules in the atmosphere carbon dioxide co2 this gas gets into the atmosphere when solid waste fossil fuels oil natural gas and coal and wood or wood products are burned nitrous oxide n2o it is emitted during agricultural and industrial activities as well as during combustion of solid waste and fossil fuels the global climate consists of the atmosphere earth ocean ice land system the result of a change in this system is climate change one sign for climate change is the rise of the temperature there are natural forces or human activities which can cause climate change following i will describe the human activities which are causing the climate change

a congressional hearing on the kyoto protocol on the costs of stabilizing greenhouse gas emissions at 1990 levels by the year 2010 its possible economic implications to the u s witnesses include stuart e eizenstat under secretary for economic business agricultural affairs u s dept of state janet yellen chair council of economic advisors additional material submitted for the record hon dan schaefer letter dated march 26 1998 to hon janet yellen requesting material for the record submission of same

originally published in 1999 the kyoto protocol provides a detailed discussion on the history terms and implications of the kyoto protocol 1997 it explains the meaning of provision on emissions trading and other flexibility mechanisms and provides a quantitative analysis using the energy and environment programme's emissions trading model it also contains the full text of the kyoto protocol and developments at the 4th conference of the

parties in december 1998 this book will be of interest to academics working in the field of climate change as well as the broader area of environment and sustainability

seminar paper from the year 2007 in the subject environmental sciences grade 17 university of applied sciences constanze course environmental economics language english abstract the debate around the climate policy of the earth is absolutely one of most complicated and most important of our time even if it owns no big public lobby of spectacular events some small island states in the south pacific are worried by the forecast increase of the sea level above their living space again others see in the warming of the terrestrial atmosphere only one of the regularly returning climate variations and no reason for concern hence it is even more astonishing that one has succeeded in spite of these opinion differences in bringing this discourse in kyoto to a result and in negotiating a protocol which supports the process the result of the discussion was in 1997 the kyoto protocol which is to be seen till the present as a milestone in international climate policy for a long time it was uncertain whether it one day will come into effect however it has the kyoto protocol obliged from the 16th february 2005 after many years tough negotiations more than 30 industrial states under international law to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions concerning this event the following questions arise what does the kyoto protocol signify what does it contain and how effective can it really be the present work looks at these questions firstly the natural and the anthropogenic greenhouse effect and the following predictions should be shown as bases to make clear the necessity of active climate protection policy afterwards the kyoto protocol is explained in its climate political connections contents and instruments and in the end benefits and critical points will be shown in my opinion criticism is necessary to allow a comprising assessment of the protocol finally it must be emphasized that with the given time a complete representation of such a complicated subject area will not be possible therefore i will explain the most important issues and give a general overview rather than go into details in order to treat the subject as the whole

the first protocol to the un framework convention on climate change unfccc was adopted in kyoto in 1997 and entered into force in february 2005 it is a unique international law instrument which sets legally binding targets for the reduction of emissions of greenhouse gases which contribute to climate change the targets are unprecedented in an environmental agreement and will involve substantial financial commitment in virtually all industrialized

country parties to the protocol the kyoto protocol is also the first international agreement to include economic instruments which are designed to involve private sector entities and assist parties to meet their targets these economic instruments known as the kyoto or flexible mechanisms are joint implementation ji the clean development mechanism cdm and international emissions trading the kyoto protocol defined these mechanisms but did not set out the details necessary for their operation after protracted negotiations detailed rules were finalized at the seventh session of the unfccc conference of the parties held in marrakech in 2001 the marrakech accords run to almost 250 pages but still leave many important practical issues unaddressed as the 2008 2012 commitment period of the kyoto protocol draws close more and more projects under cdm and ji are being developed to take advantage of the kyoto mechanisms and the key issues and problems are now becoming more apparent drawing on the emerging body of expertise in this complex area this book conveys a knowledge of what is becoming known as carbon finance it thereby aims to contribute to the development of the market for carbon emission reductions one of the objectives of the kyoto mechanisms

the kyoto protocol represents nearly a decade of international effort to reduce carbon emissions while the treaty is the product of enormous international political effort it has not been ratified by any major greenhouse emitter and it has been rejected by the united states in this controversial new book warwick j mckibbin and peter wilcoxen argue that the current approach of international negotiations on the kyoto protocol is going completely in the wrong direction in climate change policy after kyoto they attempt to steer the policy debate toward a realistic blueprint for effective policy the authors believe that managing uncertainty particularly the future costs of any plan is key to realistic climate policy they maintain that sustainable policy should meet four basic criteria it should slow down carbon dioxide emissions where it is cost effective to do so compensate those who are hurt economically require a high degree of consensus both domestically and internationally and allow countries to enter the program easily and continue to participate even if they drop out of the agreement at certain times the book summarizes the current state of knowledge about climate change and discusses the history of negotiations since 1992 in the process identifying the kyoto protocol as the wrong approach to the problem it outlines important insights that economic theory offers for the design of climate policy and uses those insights to develop a simple framework that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions while guaranteeing that short run costs of compliance will not be excessive the authors

conclude by outlining a process by which international negotiations on climate control can proceed to an agreement that is both durable and feasible for all nations

hearing held on the 1997 kyoto protocol in which the administration agreed to legally binding obligations to reduce u s greenhouse gas emissions to 7 below 1990 levels during the years 2008 to 2011 witnesses sen daniel akaka evan bayh jeff bingaman jim bunning conrad burns larry craig peter fitzgerald bob graham chuck hagel mary landrieu blanche lincoln frank murkowski craig thomas jay hakes admin u s energy info admin mary novak energy service wefa inc burlington ma cecil roberts united mine workers of america margo thorning amer council for capital formation janet yellen council of economic advisers

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