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## Multilateralism in Crisis

Environmental Conflict and Stalemate in the Trade and  
Climate Regimes

Tuesday, September 24, 2013, 12.30 pm  
Room A 305

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## Invitation

Brownbag seminar by Professor Robyn Eckersley,  
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Those who argue that multilateralism is in crisis typically point to the Doha Development Round of trade negotiations under the WTO and the post-Kyoto negotiations under the UNFCCC as Exhibits A and B. Both sets of negotiations have moved at a glacial pace over the past decade, are plagued by mistrust and major divisions among hardened negotiating blocs, and have so far failed to fulfil their basic purposes. This presentation will highlight the commonalities and connections between the stalemates in the Doha trade round and the post-Kyoto climate negotiations from the standpoint of environmental multilateralism. The presentation will also critically assess the most commonly discussed explanation to account for the stalemate, namely, the shift towards a more multipolar world (the 'power shift' argument), and explore the consequences of failure for each set of negotiations.

**Robyn Eckersley** is a Professor in Political Science in the School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Melbourne. She was Head of the Discipline of Political Science from 2008-2010 and Director of the University of Melbourne's Master of International Relations program from 2011-2012. She is a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and recently served as the Arne Naess Chair in Global Justice and the Environment at the University of Oslo, November 2010 to January 2011. Her recent books include *Special Responsibilities: Global Problems and American Power* (2012, co-author); *Why Human Security Matters* (2012, co-editor) and *Globalization and the Environment* (2013, co-author). Her current research projects include an examination of the interplay between the trade and climate regimes and a five country comparative study on 'What makes a climate leader? Developed countries' responsibilities under the international climate regime'.

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