

## Canada and Climate Change: What Now?

On December 12, 2011, just a few hours after returning from the Durban Conference, Canadian Environment Minister Peter Kent announced that Canada would withdraw from the Kyoto Protocol.

You are members of a non-partisan consultative panel established by the Canadian government to provide advice on future Canadian climate policy. Your mandate is to provide the outline of a climate change response strategy for the Canadian government to adopt in the future. Your report should include:

- Recommendations on Canada's future approach to the Kyoto Protocol and/or climate change negotiations in general;
- Recommendations on what Canada's greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets should be, if any (i.e., what % of what yearly baseline by what target period);
- Recommendations as to what role the federal government should have in setting policies on greenhouse gas emission reductions, if any;
- Recommendations as to what domestic strategies for greenhouse gas emission reductions should be adopted, if any.

**By the end of class, e-mail your group report (absolute maximum of one page) to [asens@politics.ubc.ca](mailto:asens@politics.ubc.ca).**

**In your one page lab report/reflection (due next week in class), answer the following questions:**

- Where you able to reach a consensus or agreement on a strategy, or parts of a strategy, in your group? Why or why not? Focus on issues and debates, not on persons.
- In what ways did you agree with the strategies developed by your group? In what ways did you disagree or have reservations?
- Do you believe the strategies your group recommended for Canada, or the strategies you personally believe ought to be adopted by Canada, have a realistic chance of being adopted? Why or why not?

This can be in any written format you like, but make sure you can be understood!

**Send your reflections to: [asic200@gmail.com](mailto:asic200@gmail.com)**