

Environment and Climate Politics: Another 50 years?

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This roundtable, consisting of the convenors of the new Environment and Climate Politics working group, will be a reflection on why this topic needs to be central to IR over the next 50 years. Political decisions over the course of the last 50 years have left the world on the precipice of multiple intersecting environmental tipping points. For many, the results have already been catastrophic. It will be politics that determines how those consequences continue to unfold over the next 50 years. Realities of geopolitical conflict and competition and the international distribution of power and resources cannot be bracketed in research and debates about possible futures. British IR, with its pluralist orientation, has the potential to produce research and analysis that shapes understanding of and engagement with the possible futures of environment and climate change over the coming decades. This roundtable will consider possible future research directions, and pitfalls, in the international politics of climate change.

Membership

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