

Project n. 2

Global justice and global cooperation: international politics and climate change

One of the most ambitious and urgent goals for which the international community is acting with increasing determination is to cut greenhouse gas emissions. However, cooperation to achieve this goal is proving to be extremely difficult, since it implies the discussion of some still unresolved problems that have always conditioned relations between peoples: economic inequality and global poverty; exploitation of natural resources; coexistence between countries with very different cultures and political, religious and social traditions; the additional problems caused by the current magnitude of migration phenomena.

Although individual initiative plays a crucial role in creating a sustainable future, the fight against climate change depends to a large extent on the responsiveness of politics. It is the world's governments that must impose limits on greenhouse gas emissions within their borders, and if they are unable to do so, the goal of containing global warming will most likely fail. This research aims to reflect on the main obstacles to global cooperation in the fight against global warming, analyzing the following issues:

1. Cutting global emissions: theories of distributive justice and greenhouse gas emissions; the challenge of sustainable development in developing countries; climate change, poverty and global justice.
2. Intergenerational justice: the demands of intergenerational justice with respect to climate change; intergenerational equity, economic growth, and future discounting.
3. Climate change and liberal democracy: vulnerabilities of democracy - instability and short-termism; the phenomenon of environmental migrants; the complex role of experts and trust in intermediation in contemporary democracies.

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