

Reading Assignment for First Class

Monday, August 27, 2018

Climate Change: The Power of Taxes Professor Milne

Before class, please read:

Handbook of Research on Environmental Taxation
pp. 15-29

Course Pack
pp. 1-74

A note about the reading:

The pages in the *Handbook of Research on Environmental Taxation* will introduce you to the basic principles and vocabulary of environmental taxation.

The reading in the *Course Pack* will help set the context for the seminar by addressing three topics:

1. The current US position on its commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions within the international context (pp 1-35).
2. The sources of greenhouse gas emissions in the US (pp. 36-53). These pages from the EPA's Greenhouse Gas Inventory contain a substantial amount of data. Focus on the types greenhouse gas emissions in the US, their sources, and their relative contributions to total emissions.
3. Basic structure of the federal tax system (pp. 54-71). These pages will introduce you to some tax concepts in the event that you have not studied taxation and can serve as a resource during the semester.

