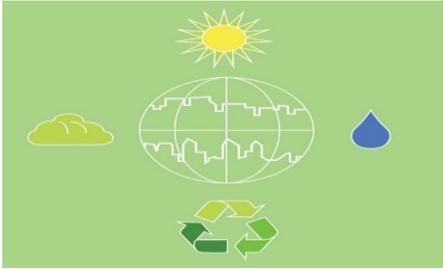


## URP 542/EAS 592-001 Winter 2022 Comparative Environmental Planning



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Class meetings: Mo/We 1:00PM - 2:30PM\*

In-person: Room 2222 A&AB (30 people capacity)

In-person Office Hours

Mo/We 2:30 to 3:30 or by appointment via zoom

Extra office hours via zoom as needed

This course focuses on the environmental planning instruments and urban governance frameworks that allow countries to adopt climate change law and policies that reduce GHGs through urban planning and form, while protecting their vulnerable populations from the shocks of climate change. With a focus on Malawi, Namibia, and Zimbabwe, students will research successful cases and provide recommendations on how to enhance multi-level governance for climate action, determining the different types of legal requirements needed for sub-national climate action plans, and integrating SDGs 11 and 13 into countries' National Urban Policies, to strengthen National Climate Change Policies. We will assess climate change management within the transportation, housing, and water sectors, while investigating urban form and green infrastructure within these three countries.

1. Evaluation of Malawi, Namibia, and Zimbabwe National and Subnational urban and climate policies and legislation through the “Law and Climate Change toolkit” (<https://climatelawtoolkit.org/>), adjusted to the country context and UN-Habitat project needs. The assessment will cover urban policies, legislation, and design guidelines in (5) areas: planning instruments; mitigation; adaptation; economic instruments, and the overarching multi-level governance. Each domain is a brief report. Students will work in groups that will focus on one country for the entire semester.

2. Recommendations on integrating climate change into national and subnational urban policies and legislation. These recommendations will be delivered in a single report, which combines the previous 5 domain assessments and an executive summary, with the possibility of delivering capacity building training to government officials from the three countries. You can check the news about our past collaboration with Colombia here: [UN-Habitat and University of Michigan assess Colombia's legal and policy frameworks](#).

### Urban Law for resilient and low carbon urban development in Malawi, Namibia, and Zimbabwe.

UN-Habitat, the Policy, Legislation and Governance Section (PLGS)

National governments and line ministries in the target countries.

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) Regional office for Africa and country offices.

