



SEMESTER ONE 2023-2024

ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

**IP20720 / IP30720: CLIMATE CHANGE AND INTERNATIONAL
POLITICS IN THE ANTHROPOCENE**

Time allowed: **8.5 HOURS.**

You must submit your answer in a single document to the TurnItIn submission point on the module's Blackboard site before 6 P.M. (BST) the day the examination paper is released. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Please answer 3 questions, **1** from **EACH SECTION**

Each answer must comprise of 650 words (+/- 10%). Do not duplicate material you have submitted previously.

**STUDENTS MAY SUBMIT ANSWERS TO THIS PAPER IN EITHER
WELSH OR ENGLISH**

SECTION A

1. Do we live in the 'Anthropocene'? Justify your reasoning with reference to debates on the meaning and origins of the Anthropocene.
2. Why are some critics concerned about what is implied by the 'Anthropos' in the efforts to push forward the idea of Anthropocene?
3. Does, and how does, the idea of 'planetary politics' challenge 'international politics' or 'global politics'?

SECTION B

4. 'International political challenges are made even more intractable because of the effects of climate change on them.' Discuss with reference to at least two issue areas discussed during the module (war/conflict, migration, inequality, democracy).
5. 'In the context of climate change seemingly separate issue areas (e.g. conflict, migration, inequality and democracy) are deeply interlinked'. Do you agree?
6. 'It is difficult to determine what are the precise effects of climate change for existing challenges in international politics.' Discuss and illustrate with examples.

SECTION C

7. Are state actors the key actors in addressing climate change? If so, why? If not, why not?
8. 'Climate change is a very different problem to different populations on the planet.' Discuss.
9. 'We cannot find resolutions to the climate crisis without engaging with new political imaginations.' Discuss the validity and significance of the statement for the international politics of climate change.

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