

# Climate Change Leadership – Power, Politics and Culture 2012

## Assignment 3: Shaping the Future

### Literature:

- **Bond, Patrick “The Politics of Climate Justice”**
- **Course Reader 2 – Section 3**

“The inability of global elite actors to solve major environmental, geopolitical, social and economic problems puts added emphasis on the need for a climate justice philosophy and ideology, principles, strategies and tactics” (Bond 2012, p. 185).

Section Three has taken a closer look at some larger scale challenges such as political negotiations and social adaptation. This assignment will focus on Patrick Bond’s book, ‘The politics of Climate Justice’, as well as other future challenges and opportunities covered in the second course reader. The first question is related to Patrick Bond’s book where we want you to show you have read and understood Bond’s main points. As was the case in the previous assignment, in question two you will choose *one* of the topics that you find most interesting/relevant. We expect you to be critical and concise, and demonstrate an ability to present a strong argument supported by the course literature, even where the questions are broad in nature.

- **Question 1 (2-3 pages):**

In his book, Patrick Bond critically discusses the elite leaders’ failure to address and solve climate change issues. He also brings up issues of climate injustice and expresses the need for a new climate justice movement.

  - Why is climate politics failing according to Bond? What challenges and opportunities does Bond see when it comes to establishing climate justice?
- **Question 2 (1.5 – 2 pages). Choose ONE of the following topics:**
  - What role should ‘political feasibility’ play in regard to climate finance? Which mechanism(s) for climate finance do you suggest deserve the backing of civil society?
  - What are the main challenges for future food security? Are there requirements for food aid from the Global North to the Global South, or other obligations that should be met?
  - Are technologically developed societies more able to adapt to a changing climate? What can aid adaptation and what can hinder it?
  - Is the United Nations a suitable forum for climate negotiations? Does the asymmetry between nations inevitable mean stalemate, or can it be compatible with a positive outcome?
  - In what ways might climate change act as a threat to national and/or global security? What implications would this have for the structure of climate negotiations?



In Question 1, provide a sufficient number of references to *The Politics of Climate Justice*, to support your contribution. In Question 2, you must reference *at least two* different texts from 'Section 3' in the second course reader. It is important that you clearly show when you use your own arguments and when you refer to the arguments of the authors. You can also refer to other literature or lectures if you like. In this assignment we want you to use the **Harvard referencing system** (McKibben 2012, p. 350), which is one of the most widely used methods of referencing. Information on how to reference accurately with this method can be found here:

[http://www.swinburne.edu.au/lib/researchhelp/harvard\\_style.html#Articles](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/lib/researchhelp/harvard_style.html#Articles)

As part of university policy, all submissions will be checked for plagiarism. Overall your submission should be about 4-5 pages in length with font 12 and line spacing 1.5. **The due date for the papers is 12:00 on the 28th of March.** Please send your papers to [ccl@csduppsala.uu.se](mailto:ccl@csduppsala.uu.se). Best of luck everybody!

*Good Luck!*  
*Christian and Cecilia*