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Climate Change and Society

In this unit you will explore why climate change became the environmental and socio-economic problem of the century; why it took so long after the discovery of the greenhouse effect for politicians to become aware of its cataclysmic potential; and who brought the issue to the policy arena.

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The unit sets recent - and future - developments in the context of the historical background and examines the role of science, the function of politics, and the promise of industry to bring the problem under control and to the fore of public policy. We take a close look at how climate change features in the public sphere and whether the new media work to be transparent in conveying scientific knowledge.

Lectures content featuring climate change in history, politics, ethics, economics, security, media, mental health and future studies. Suitable for humanities students and other adventurers.

