

***"Since environmental problems are the result of the interaction of economic activities and social development, they should be studied in integration with economic and social problems. They are characterized by their comprehensive nature."*** Qu Geping, Professor and Chair of the Environmental Protection Committee of the Chinese National Peoples Congress.

***"... work on the topic of environmental change and violent conflict will therefore both contribute to and draw from a more realistic, more highly differentiated, and increasingly sophisticated theoretical understanding of international politics as a whole."*** David Dessler, Professor

***"Over the past decade, China's economy has swelled rapidly with an average annual growth rate surpassing 8 percent. Such an expansion plus population increase has produced major pressure on efforts for environmental protection. Thanks to more attention being paid to the work, no drastic deterioration has occurred, and favourable turn arounds have even appeared in some regions. Generally speaking, however, a grim environmental situation still faces the country."*** Xie Zhenhua, Administrator of the Chinese National Environmental Protection Agency