



The Kyoto Protocol

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After protracted negotiations involving the highest political levels, the Kyoto Protocol to protect the global climate was adopted in 1997. Not only does it set, for the first time ever, quantitative limits for the emissions of greenhouse gases by industrialised countries, but it also introduced a number of complex and innovative mechanisms. In the project report that was published as a book, the negotiations and their result are analysed in detail.

The adoption of the Kyoto Protocol to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in December 1997 was a major achievement in the endeavour to tackle the problem of global climate change at the dawn of the 21st century. After many years of involvement in the negotiation process, two internationally recognised experts provide a comprehensive scholarly analysis of the negotiating history and content of the Protocol itself as well as of the economic, political and legal implications of its implementation. The resulting book offers the international community a first hand and inside perspective of the debate on the Kyoto Protocol. The book also presents a perspective for the further development of the climate regime. These important features make the book an indispensable working tool for policy makers, negotiators, academics and all those actively involved and interested in climate change issues in both the developed and developing world.

More information on the [Kyoto book](#), that has been published in English, German and Japanese can be obtained from its website.

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