



Apr 16th, 2:35 PM - 3:50 PM

## Climate of Change: Russian Political and Economic Factors and Their Impacts on the Kyoto Protocol Decision

Elizabeth de Martelly  
*Illinois Wesleyan University*

Abigail Jahiel, Faculty Advisor  
*Illinois Wesleyan University*

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.iwu.edu/jwprc>

---

de Martelly, Elizabeth and Jahiel, Faculty Advisor, Abigail, "Climate of Change: Russian Political and Economic Factors and Their Impacts on the Kyoto Protocol Decision" (2005). *John Wesley Powell Student Research Conference*. 4.  
<https://digitalcommons.iwu.edu/jwprc/2005/oralpres6/4>

This Event is protected by copyright and/or related rights. It has been brought to you by Digital Commons @ IWU with permission from the rights-holder(s). You are free to use this material in any way that is permitted by the copyright and related rights legislation that applies to your use. For other uses you need to obtain permission from the rights-holder(s) directly, unless additional rights are indicated by a Creative Commons license in the record and/ or on the work itself. This material has been accepted for inclusion by faculty at Illinois Wesleyan University. For more information, please contact [digitalcommons@iwu.edu](mailto:digitalcommons@iwu.edu).

©Copyright is owned by the author of this document.

Oral Presentation O6.3

**CLIMATE OF CHANGE: RUSSIAN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS  
AND THEIR IMPACTS ON THE KYOTO PROTOCOL DECISION**

Elizabeth de Martelly and Abigail Jahiel\*  
Environmental Studies Program, Illinois Wesleyan University

President Vladimir Putin of Russia has historically been labeled as particularly unconcerned with environmental issues. But with his recent decision to ratify the Kyoto Protocol, a treaty formed in 1997 by the United Nations to curb harmful greenhouse emissions, it seems that President Putin is taking a step in the opposite direction. Through close analysis of the political apparatus of both the former Soviet Union and the current Russian Federation as well as the economic incentives involved, it becomes clear that Putin's decision was primarily motivated by substantial economic interests rather than environmental concern. The presentation will closely detail how the European Union and its invitation for Russia to join the World Trade Organization affected the economics of Putin's decision to ratify the Kyoto Protocol.