

# Prakash Kashwan

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**Prakash Kashwan** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science, University of Connecticut. His research and scholarship focuses on political economy of institutions, environmental policy and politics, global climate governance, and climate justice. In these endeavors he utilizes a combination of quantitative and qualitative methods, while building on his over two-decade-long engagements with questions of environment and development, including via a first career in international development (1999-2005).

Professor Kashwan is the author of *Democracy in the Woods: Environmental Conservation and Social Justice in India, Tanzania, and Mexico* (Oxford University Press, 2017) and articles in *World Development*, *Ecological Economics*, *Regional Environmental Change*, *Land Use Policy*, *Journal of Environmental Management*, *International Journal of the Commons*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, and *Global Environmental Politics*. He has also contributed popular commentaries to *the Washington Post* and *the Guardian*, among others.

Professor Kashwan teaches courses on the politics of the environment, environmental policy and institutions, and research methods. More information about his research and teaching is available at <https://prakash-kashwan.uconn.edu/>

## Recent Publications

2018. [Rethinking power and institutions in the shadows of neoliberalism: \(An introduction to a special issue of World Development\)](#). *World Development*.

2017. [Inequality, Democracy, and the Environment: A Cross-National Analysis](#). *Ecological Economics*. 131: 139–15.

2016. [Integrating Power in Institutional Analysis: A Micro-Foundation Perspective](#). *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 28(1), 5-26.

2016. [What Explains the Demand for Collective Forest Rights Amidst Land Use Conflicts?](#) *Journal of Environmental Management*, 183, 657-666.

2015. [Forest Policies, Institutions, and REDD+ in India, Tanzania, and Mexico](#). *Global Environmental Politics*, 15(3), 95-117.

## Research Awards and Professional Recognition

2018	Principal Investigator. American Political Science Association (APSA) Special Projects Fund: “Avoiding “Day Zero” in the U.S. & Global South: Climate Justice in Teaching & Policy Action,” a collaborative project (w/ Lauren MacLean, Frank Matose, & Navnita Behera) \$25035
2018 – to date	Senior Research Fellow, Earth System Governance Project.
2016-2018	Public Discourse Fellowship, Humanities Institute, University of Connecticut: “Debating climate change: public opinion, institutions, and discourses.” \$13500 + \$5000 supplementary grant.

2016- to date	Member, Academic Working Group on the Governance of Climate Engineering, convened by the Forum for Climate Engineering Assessment, Washington D.C.
2013-2015	Faculty Large Grant (University of Connecticut): The Socio-Economic, Ecological, and Political Drivers of Forest Land Rights in India. \$15,000
2009-2011	Young Scientist Research Award, International Foundation for Science (IFS), Stockholm. \$10,500
2009-2011	Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant, Ford Foundation/ Institute of International Education (IIE). \$11,000