



## Bio sketch for Dr. Ken Conca

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Dr. Ken Conca is a professor of International Relations in the School of International Service (SIS) at American University. Prior to joining the AU faculty in 2010, he spent 17 years on the faculty of the Department of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland.

**Research and publications:** Conca's research focuses on global environmental governance; environment, conflict, and peacebuilding; environmental politics and policy in the United Nations system, and water politics and governance. He is the author/editor of several books on international environmental politics, including *Governing Water*, *Confronting Consumption*, *Environmental Peacemaking*, *The Crisis of Global Environmental Governance*, and *The State and Social Power in Global Environmental Governance*. Dr. Conca is a two-time recipient of the International Studies Association's Harold and Margaret Sprout Award for best book on international environmental affairs and a recipient of the Chadwick Alger Prize for best book in the field of International Organization. His most recent book, *An Unfinished Foundation: The United Nations and Global Environmental Governance*, was published by Oxford University Press (2015). Conca is also editor (with Geoffrey D. Dabelko) of the widely-used teaching anthology *Green Planet Blues: Critical Perspectives on Global Environmental Politics*, now in its fifth edition.

**Activities:** Conca is a member of the United Nations Environment Programme's Expert Advisory Group on Conflict and Peacebuilding and a founder of the Washington-area Environmental Peacebuilding Working Group. He served as a reviewer for the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Previously, he served on the Scientific Steering Committee on Global Environmental Change and Human Security (GECHS) for the International Human Dimensions Program on Global Environmental Change (IHDP). He is a member of the editorial board of *Global Environmental Politics* and served for several years as an associate editor of the journal.

**Forthcoming works:** Ken Conca and Erika Weinthal, eds., *Oxford Handbook of Water Politics and Policy* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2016).

**Teaching:** Conca's teaching focuses on water governance, environmental policy analysis, and environment, conflict and peacebuilding. He has advised graduate-student team research projects on the future of conflict and development in the Mekong River Basin, carbon offsets and Costa Rica's Payment for Environmental Services program, and water and peacebuilding in the Middle East. Within SIS, Conca is affiliated with the Master's degree programs in Global Environmental Politics (GEP), Natural Resources and Sustainable Development (NRSD), and International Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR). In 2013, American University's School of International Service named him Scholar/Teacher of the Year.

**Degrees:** Ph.D., Energy and Resources Group, University of California, Berkeley; M.S., Land Resources (concentration in Energy Analysis and Policy), University of Wisconsin; Sc.B., Geological Science, Brown University.

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