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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Immersive Course on Climate Change Governance

Climate Change Governance: Institutions, Policies, and the Amazon Field Immersion

Organizing Institution	Instituto Brasileiro de Ensino, Desenvolvimento e Pesquisa (IDP), in partnership with Maastricht University and King's College London
Course Language	English
Dates	August 3–14, 2026
Week 1 — Brasília	August 3–7, 2026 Lectures, institutional visits, and policy dialogues
Week 2 — Manaus	August 10–14, 2026 Amazon field immersion
Application Period	May 1 – June 30, 2026
Registration Fee	€850 (euros)
Credits (IDP Graduate and Undergraduate)	4 credits (8 ECTS) for undergraduate, Master's and PhD students
Credits (IDP lato sensu)	Certificate of Attendance

1. About the Course

The Climate Change Governance course offers an interdisciplinary and practice-oriented approach to understanding contemporary climate governance. Designed for postgraduate students and researchers, the course integrates theoretical foundations with field experiences, enabling a deeper understanding of the interactions among international law, political institutions, and economic instruments.

The course places particular emphasis on Brazil's experience in climate diplomacy, tropical forest conservation, the participation of Indigenous Peoples and traditional communities in climate governance, federative governance, the role of environmental agencies, and climate litigation — dimensions that gained renewed relevance in the context of COP30 in Belém.

By combining academic content with technical visits and direct dialogue with decision-makers and experts, the course offers an immersive exploration of the complexities of Amazonian environmental governance and the challenges involved in implementing climate policies in Brazil.

2. Course Structure and Locations

Week 1 — Brasília (August 3–7, 2026)

The first week takes place at IDP's facilities in Brasília and includes:

- Lectures by leading academics and practitioners
- High-level institutional visits to federal bodies (Federal Senate, Ministry of the Environment & Climate Change)
- Policy dialogues and case studies on Brazilian climate federalism and international governance

Week 2 — Manaus (August 10–14, 2026)

The second week takes place in Manaus, Amazonas, and includes:

- Amazon River and Rainforest field immersion
- Visits to research institutes and civil society organizations
- Dialogue with civil society organizations and traditional communities
- Seminar with representatives of the Amazonas State Government on regional climate governance
- Official reception by the Brazilian Navy — Northern Command

3. Course Objectives

- Analyze the institutional and legal frameworks and policy instruments at the international and national levels for climate governance;
- Examine how Brazilian federalism shapes the coordination, implementation, and accountability of climate policies;
- Evaluate the socio-economic effects of climate change in the Amazon and explore integrated solutions such as the circular economy, sustainable infrastructure, bioeconomy, and the energy transition;
- Investigate Amazonian governance, including Indigenous and traditional knowledge systems, biodiversity monitoring, and forest-based climate solutions;
- Engage directly with leading institutions — ministries, courts, environmental agencies, research institutes, and local communities.

4. Eligible Applicants

Applications are open to the following categories of candidates:

4.1 IDP Students and Alumni

- Currently enrolled students in IDP's undergraduate and postgraduate programs (stricto sensu and lato sensu)
- IDP alumni

- IDP students may participate in the first week of the program, in Brasilia. Students who successfully complete the first week will be awarded 2 academic credits.

4.2 Students and Researchers from IDP Partner Universities

- Undergraduate and Postgraduate students and researchers currently affiliated with an IDP partner university
- Applicants must demonstrate active institutional affiliation at the time of application or an invitation from IDP faculty member

5. Registration Fee and What Is Included

Registration Fee	€850 (eight hundred and fifty euros)
INCLUDED	NOT INCLUDED
• Course instruction and academic content • Class materials • Technical visits (both cities) • Local transfers and ground transportation during the program • Round-trip airfare on regular commercial airline: Brasília – Manaus – Brasília • Accommodation in Manaus (6 nights)	• Accommodation in Brasilia • Meals • International travel (flights to/from Brazil) • Any other personal expenses

Important: Payment is only required after acceptance into the program. Once the fee is paid, it is only refundable if the minimum number of participants is not met.

6. Academic Credits

Student Category	Credits Awarded
IDP Master's and PhD students	4 credits
IDP lato sensu postgraduate students	Does not apply. Participants will earn a certificate.
International students	Credits subject to recognition by the student's home institution

6.1 Academic Credit Requirements for IDP Students

For IDP students, academic credits will be awarded upon submission of a research paper in English on the course topic.

7. Application Process

7.1 Application Period

Applications are open from May 1 to June 30, 2026.

Applications must be submitted through the official online application form available at:

<https://airtable.com/appHIOsr3MkUed8S5/pagToXsR9yZ6z84jW/form>

7.2 Required Documents

Applicants must submit all required documents in PDF format through the application form. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

IDP Students and Alumni	Students and Researchers from IDP Partner Universities (International Applicants)
1. Proof of active enrollment at IDP or proof of IDP alumni status 2. Current academic transcript (or most recent available) 3. Signed declaration of good oral and written command of the English language 4. Motivation letter addressing the relevance of the course to the applicant's academic or professional future (maximum 500 words)	5. Valid passport (copy of the biographical data page) 6. Proof of current affiliation with an IDP partner institution 7. Signed declaration of good oral and written command of the English language 8. Motivation letter addressing the relevance of the course to the applicant's academic or professional future (maximum 500 words)

7.3 Selection and Payment

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee composed of IDP faculty and partner institution representatives. Shortlisted candidates will be notified by email with instructions for payment. The registration fee must be paid within the deadline specified in the notification letter.

Non-Refund Policy: Once the registration fee has been paid, it will not be refunded under any circumstances, including withdrawal from the program, visa denial, or force majeure events attributable to the participant.

8. Selection Criteria

Candidates will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Academic background and relevance of previous training to the course topics
- Quality and coherence of the motivation letter
- Current institutional affiliation and research or professional interests
- Demonstrated commitment to issues related to climate governance, environmental law, or related fields

- Applications will be reviewed on a weekly basis. Candidates will be notified of the outcome by email every Monday until all available places have been filled.

9. Key Dates — Summary

Date	Event
May 1, 2026	Applications open
June 30, 2026	Application deadline
TBD (after June 1)	Notification of selected candidates
August 3–7, 2026	Week 1 — Brasília
August 10–14, 2026	Week 2 — Manaus (Amazon Field Immersion)

10. Contact and Further Information

For questions about the application process, eligible institutions, or course content, please contact the IDP organizing team: International Cooperation Office.

Questions about the course should be directed to the communication channel provided by the course coordinator, as indicated in item 11.

11. Final Provisions

- By submitting an application, candidates agree to and accept all terms and conditions set forth in this Call for Applications.
- A certificate will be issued only to participants who complete at least 75% of the program's sessions.
- Successful completion and credit award require a minimum grade of 6 out of 10 (60%) in the scientific article and attendance of at least 75% of all program sessions. The scientific article may address any of the topics covered during the course, written in English or Portuguese, and must be submitted within 45 (forty-five) calendar days from the last day of class via Canvas.
- IDP students must be up to date with their financial obligations to the institution at the time of application.
- International participants must provide proof of valid travel insurance covering the entire duration of the program.
- Any situations not covered by this Call for Applications shall be assessed and resolved by the Coordination of International Cooperation of IDP.
- Questions regarding the course should be directed to internacional@idp.edu.br and/or WhatsApp +55 (61) 9 9914-2632.

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