

# Climate Change Policies Revisited: Do We Need a More “Balanced” Regime

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Even after its coming into force, the shortcomings of the Kyoto protocol and of international climate change policy in general are obvious. There is insufficient implementation, the (linked) challenges of re-integrating the USA and involving industrializing countries like China in a meaningful manner have not yet been grasped, and concepts for long-term policies for substantially reducing world-wide GHG emissions still have to be established.

Therefore, a discussion about a modified global climate regime with a more “balanced” mitigation strategy and a stronger consideration of adaptation measures is gaining momentum. Core topics of such a regime will be addressed in this contribution.

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