

Student Presentations

All students are required to participate in at least one panel presentation. The number of people on the panel and the number of presentations will depend on the number of people enrolled in the course. Details will be given by the third week of class. You will have some choice about which panel you appear on, but I cannot guarantee that everyone will get their first or second choice.

I encourage students to suggest additional topics for panel discussions.

The team presentation should be approximately 15 -20 minutes. After the presentation there will be time for approximately 5 – 10 minutes of class discussion. I expect to have three presentations per class period.

If for some reason you are not willing or not able to participate, you need to let me know.

You are not allowed to read your presentation, although you are encouraged to use written notes, and to prepare your talk carefully.

Each team should prepare a 1 – 2 page handout (with a title, date and team-members' names) with the main points of your talk. This handout can be in the form of an outline, i.e. using bullet point. Include a bibliography that lists sources for your presentation. Make enough copies for everyone in class. Email me a pdf of your outline; I will post it on the webpage.

Your presentation should include the following information (not necessarily in this order): What is the dispute about? What are the facts of the case? What are the claims of the opposing parties? What environmental or natural resource issue (broadly defined) does the case involve. What are the trade-related issues? What is the trade-environmental conflict? What is the current status of the case? (If the case was resolved, what decision was made?)

The first five topics for the presentations involve the following GATT/WTO disputes: Reformulated gasoline; Shrimp and turtles; Tuna and dolphins; Beef hormones; Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs). The next 5 topics involve NAFTA Chapter 11 disputes: Ethyl v. Canada; Metalclad v. Mexico; Methanex v. California; Meyers v. Canada; Talbot v. Canada.

You can find information for these subjects under Topics 6 and 7 on the reading list.