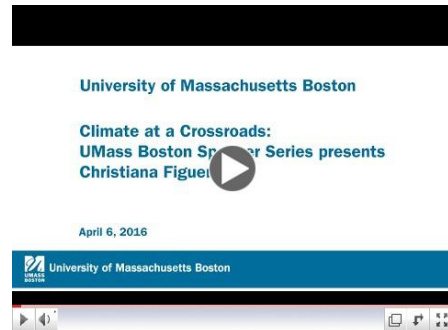




## Christiana Figueres Speaks at UMass Boston

As Executive Secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, Christiana Figueres was a linchpin in solidifying the Paris Agreement in December 2015. At UMass Boston, she reflected on how this universal agreement can be a turning point in global economic, energy, environment, and development policy, and a catalyst for bringing the poor out of poverty worldwide.



## UN Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

Professor Maria Ivanova traveled to Trieste, Italy for the 5th meeting of the UN Scientific Advisory Board on which she serves. The Board supporting the UN Secretary-General in the ambitious 2030 sustainable development agenda. Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon had this message for his advisors:



## First Annual IGERT Symposium at UMass Boston

The Coasts and Communities Fellowship IGERT (Integrative Graduate Education, Research and Traineeship) program of UMass Boston held its first research symposium based on the Fellows' recent trip to the Horn of Africa. Coasts and Communities fellows and associate fellows work across disciplines and with partner institutions to analyze and address environmental challenges in Boston and in the Horn of Africa.



At the symposium, Dean David Cash of the McCormack Graduate School for Policy and Global Studies noted, "The IGERT program seeks to link academic rigor, policy relevance, and impact in the world with hands-on engagement in Ethiopia, Djibouti, Kenya, and New England, among others. These young scholars are identifying important local and global environmental problems and envisioning transformative, innovative solutions."

## Janos Pazstor Speaks at UMass Boston

Senior Advisor to the UN Secretary-General on Climate Change Janos Pasztor spoke at the University of Massachusetts Boston about the climate change conference in Paris, the lessons learned from the processes, and the challenges the next UN Secretary General will face. To read more about the event, click [here](#).



### **Natalia Escobar-Pemberthy at UNEA-2 and ACUNS 2016 Workshop**

Research Associate Natalia Escobar-Pemberthy participated in a side event at UNEA-2 called "Joint Action for Transforming Our World." She wrote extensively on the process and outcomes at UNEA-2, and you can find them on our [blog](#). She has also [won acceptance](#) to the prestigious 2016 ACUNS Workshop: "Supporting States' Implementation of International Law." At the ACUNS workshop, Natalia will join an elite group of scholars tackling compliance challenges in various areas of international law. Natalia's continuing work on the [Environmental Conventions Initiative](#) will inform the environmental aspects of the discussions.



### **Gabriela Bueno Wins ACUNS Dissertation Award**

We are proud to [announce](#) that our research associate and PhD Candidate in Global Governance and Human Security Gabriela Bueno has received the ACUNS (Academic Council on the UN System) 2016 Dissertation Award! Gabriela's dissertation is on global forest governance addresses important issues in the UN system and global governance in general. She will be recognized and awarded at the ACUNS Annual Meeting at Fordham University on June 16-18, 2016.



### **J. Michael Denney Named Young Delegate by Chicago Council**

Following up on his summer fellowship at Purdue University, Research Associate and PhD Candidate J. Michael Denney was named a Next Generation Delegate by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. The Next Generation Delegates are a group of young leaders in agriculture who attend the annual Global Food Security Symposium on behalf of their generation of food security scholars. The Delegates were chosen from among 400 applicants from 172 universities in over 62 countries.



### **Maria Ivanova Joins Advisory Board of Global Young Academy**

Professor Maria Ivanova has [joined](#) the Advisory Board of the Global Young Academy (GYA). The Academy, founded in 2010, connects young scientists around the world on topics of "global importance," and its activities focus on

"science and policy, education and outreach, open science, and the research environment."



## Distinguished Visiting Fellows for Summer 2016

Dr. Susan Avery, President Emerita of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and Dr. Araya Asfaw, Executive Director of the Horn of Africa Regional Environment Center and Network will join the McCormack Graduate School for Policy and Global Studies this Summer as Distinguished Visiting Fellows.

## Publications

UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres has published the latest installment of the Center's Issue Brief Series. [Issue Brief 13, The Power of Policy: Reinforcing the Paris Trajectory](#), concerns the 2015 Paris Agreement and the future of climate change politics.

Senior Fellow Harris Gleckman has penned a new [essay](#) on global governance for Open Democracy.

Associate Professor Maria Ivanova published a briefing paper on the latest UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) negotiations in December 2015, titled ["Good COP. Bad COP: Climate Change After Paris."](#)

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