Walking Away from Paris: Donald Trump and the Future of Climate Change Action

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Background: UNFCCC, Kyoto, COP 21

- 1992 Framework Convention and its Kyoto Protocol
- COP 21 – the Paris Agreement
- All states now have ‘INDC’s
The Paris Agreement

- Goals – temperature and emissions
- Review and increasing ambition of emission reductions
- ‘Negative emissions’
- Bio-energy with carbon capture and sequestration (BECCS)
Trump’s withdrawal from Paris

- The withdrawal process itself
- Why the US withdrawal might matter
- Why the US withdrawal might not matter #1 – national action
- Why the US withdrawal might not matter #2 – US states and cities
Conclusion: ‘The Art of the Deal’?

- More like ‘The Arse of the Deal’
- Trump’s withdrawal speech
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