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**BOOKS FOR UNDERSTANDING
GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE**

Scholarly Bibliography Helps Assess the Threat

NEW YORK (October 31, 2005) – Climate change is one of the most significant environmental issues faced by the world today. The Kyoto Protocol, which came into force in late 2004 when ratified by Russia, has prompted many industrialized nations and international companies to adopt emissions standards on harmful gases and other environmental protection strategies. On the political plane, world leaders are taking notice of the burdensome mounting cost of dealing with the adverse effects of climate change.

With the polar ice cap shrinking, ocean temperatures rising, and gas emissions depleting our ozone layer, the world's weather is measurably uncustomary. *Books for Understanding*, the scholarly bibliography resource, has compiled a comprehensive list of books that provide informed insight into the current understanding in both science and policy circles of the phenomena of climate change. Media contacts and resources are also available under our Directory of Experts.

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Book list topics include:

Causes & Effects—including *Climate Affairs: A Primer* by Michael Glantz (Island Press, 2003) and other books on ecosystems, pollution, and atmospheric science.

Policies & Politics: Issues in the U.S.—including works on ethics, biotechnology, and policy, such as *Statehouse and Greenhouse: The Emerging Politics of American Climate Change Policies* by Barry Rabe (Brookings Institution Press, 2004).

Policies & Politics: International Perspectives—including *India and Climate Change*, edited by Michael A. Toman, Ujjayant Chakravorty, and Shreekant Gupta (RFF Press, 2003).

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