**CCP-LAW**

**Curricula development on Climate Change Policy and Law**

**Subject title: Climate Change and Migration**

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**Activity: Developing a Research Paper**

**Activity Overview**

This activity sheet is designed to guide you through the process of developing a research paper on the broad theme of climate change and migration, focusing on legal aspects. Your paper should be between 2,500 and 3,000 words and include a thorough analysis of legal frameworks, policies, and case studies related to this theme.

**Activity Steps**

1. **Topic Selection:**
	* Choose a specific legal aspect of the relationship between climate change and migration that interests you. Examples include:
		+ The adequacy of international legal frameworks in protecting climate migrants.
		+ The role of national policies in managing climate-induced displacement.
		+ Legal challenges and case studies on climate change refugees.
		+ Comparative analysis of regional agreements on climate migration.
		+ Human rights implications of climate change-induced migration.
2. **Preliminary Research:**
	* Conduct preliminary research to identify key legal issues, debates, and sources related to your chosen topic.
	* Use legal databases, law journals, books, and credible online sources to gather information.
3. **Research Proposal:**
	* Write a brief research proposal (300-500 words) outlining:
		+ Your chosen topic and research question(s).
		+ The significance of the topic.
		+ Preliminary sources and a brief literature review.
		+ Proposed methodology.
	* Submit your proposal on MOODLE by [Insert Proposal Due Date] for approval.
4. **Literature Review:**
	* Conduct a comprehensive literature review of your topic.
	* Summarize and synthesize key findings from previous legal studies.
	* Identify gaps in the existing research that your paper will address.
5. **Developing Your Argument:**
	* Based on your research, develop a clear thesis statement or main argument.
	* Outline the structure of your paper, including the introduction, body sections, and conclusion.
6. **Data Collection and Analysis:**
	* Collect and analyze relevant legal cases, statutes, and policies to support your argument.
	* Ensure your data is accurately represented and critically analyzed.
7. **Writing the Draft:**
	* **Introduction:**
		+ Introduce your topic and provide background information.
		+ State your research question and thesis statement.
	* **Body:**
		+ Organize the body into clear sections that support your thesis.
		+ Use headings and subheadings to guide the reader.
		+ Provide evidence from your legal research and analysis.
	* **Conclusion:**
		+ Summarize your key findings and restate the significance of your research.
		+ Suggest areas for future research or policy recommendations.
8. **References:**
	* Compile a list of all sources cited in your paper using Bluebook or another appropriate legal citation style.
	* Ensure all in-text citations and references are properly formatted.
9. **Editing and Proofreading:**
	* Review your draft for clarity, coherence, and consistency.
	* Check for grammatical and typographical errors.
	* Consider peer-reviewing with a classmate for additional feedback.
10. **Final Submission:**
	* Finalize your paper and ensure it adheres to the word limit of 2,500-3,000 words.
	* Save your file with the following naming convention: Lastname\_Firstname\_Law301\_ResearchPaper.
	* Submit your final paper via MOODLE by [Insert Final Submission Due Date].

**Evaluation Criteria**

Your research paper will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. **Content:** Depth and accuracy of legal research and analysis.
2. **Argument:** Clarity and strength of the thesis statement and supporting arguments.
3. **Structure:** Logical organization and coherence of the paper.
4. **Evidence:** Use of relevant and credible legal sources to support your argument.
5. **Writing Quality:** Clarity, grammar, and style of writing.
6. **References:** Proper use of legal citation style for citations and references.

**Additional Support**

If you have any questions or need further assistance with your research paper, please feel free to reach out to me during office hours or via email at [Your Email Address]. Additional resources on legal research and writing are available on our MOODLE course page.