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## SSK (Social Sciences Korea) Research Center for Climate Change and Comparative Legal Studies

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## Purpose of the Research

As climate change mitigation becomes increasingly important, members of global society have been responding with a variety of relevant laws and regulations. There have been concerns that those laws and regulations may serve as trade barriers under the WTO's international trade laws, prompting WTO member countries to engage in sharp trade conflicts over this issue. In-depth comparative analysis of other countries' mitigation-related regulations and their compatibility with the WTO have been carried out in developed countries. In Korea, however, similar research has not yet been undertaken.

It is important to address the climate change issue proactively in order for Korea to achieve a leading status in related fields, such as international trade negotiations and the green economy, making the current process to mitigate climate change not a crisis but an opportunity. Studying and reviewing each country's legislation and policies concerning climate change from the perspective of international economic law allows us to suggest policy alternatives. Toward these ends, the SSK Research Center for Climate Change and Comparative Legal Studies sets the plan of research as follows.

First, a research on the evolution of the international climate change regime and various countries' responses on climate change

Second, a comparative legal analysis of countries' mitigation measures and their future plans

Third, a study on the possible conflicts between mitigation measures and the international trade laws, suggesting options for solving those conflicts

Fourth, a study on obtaining credibility and flexibility through interdisciplinary research collaboration on climate change regime

## Research Project

