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***"The Comparative Politics of Climate Change"***

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**With Best Wishes for the Holiday Season,**

Iris Geva-May, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Founding Editor; Chair ICPA-Forum  
Michael Howlett, Simon Fraser University & B. Guy Peters, University of Pittsburgh, Co-Editors

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