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# Environmental Protection and Sustainability Forum

3rd edition

Karl-Franzens University Graz, Austria

7-9 April 2020

combined with

PhD Spring School

4-6 April 2020

Castle Seggau (close to Graz)

## **BACKGROUND**

The Karl-Franzens University Graz, Austria has a strong expertise in environmental economics. The University is heavily investing in the research on climate change through its “Wegener Centre for Climate and Global Change” and its newly launched Field of Excellence “Climate Change Graz”. The “*Environmental Protection and Sustainability Forum*” (EPSF) has previously taken place in Exeter (April 2011) and Bath (April 2015) both United Kingdom. Given the great success in the past, this time it will take place at the *Karl-Franzens University of Graz, Austria*. The EPSF will be organized by Professor Michael Finus, together with his colleagues Professor Birgit Bednar-Friedl, Professor Stefan Borsky and Professor Karl Steininger. The Faculty of Social Sciences at the Karl-Franzens University of Graz is convening a three-day international forum. This event will bring together leading international researchers in the field of environmental and resource economics and influential stakeholders from international institutions including the World Bank and the European Union. This time, we combine the Forum with a *PhD Spring School*, which takes place before the Forum at the lovely *Castle Seggau*, which is not far from Graz. Four internationally well-known academics will teach at this school. The number of places at the School is limited to 40 students.

## **FORMAT**

The nature of this 3-day international forum is unprecedented. It involves facilitated debates, interactive discussions and top level knowledge exchange in an intimate atmosphere, quite different from other major international conferences.

There will be:

- 10 keynote lectures by leading international academics
- A public lecture open to people from government, business, science and the local community
- 40-60 contributed papers

Day 1: Registration in the morning. Keynote presentations in the morning, contributed papers are presented in the afternoon. Public Lecture in the evening with reception.

Day 2: Keynote presentations in the morning, contributed paper papers in the afternoon. Social Dinner in the evening.

Day 3: Keynote presentations in the morning. Lunch and farewell.

Like at the previous two forum events, we plan to edit a special issue in one of the leading environmental and/or general economics journals after the event with the best papers. The call for this special issue will be announced separately in due course.

The Spring School takes place over two days (5-6 April, arrival 4 April) with morning and afternoon sessions. Castle Seggau lies in a fantastic surrounding with pool, vineyards and a wine cellar, which allows for wine tasting. Those who also attend the Forum will receive a discount on registration fees for the Forum. Full board and accommodation are included in the school fee.

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AT THE FORUM**

Scott Barrett, Columbia University, USA; Alejandro Caparros, Institute for Public Goods and Policies (IPP), Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), and University Carlos III, Madrid, Spain; Carlo Carraro, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, CMCC, Italy; Astrid Dannenberg, University of Kassel, Germany; Ottmar Edenhofer, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons

and Climate Change and TU Berlin, Germany; Carolyn Fischer, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands; Michael Hanemann, UC Berkeley, USA; Larry S. Karp, UC Berkeley, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, USA; Andreas Lange, University of Hamburg, Germany; Santiago J. Rubio, Department of Economic Analysis and ERICES University of Valencia, Spain; Daan van Soest, Tilburg University, The Netherlands; Herman Vollebergh, Tilburg University, The Netherlands.

### **SPEAKERS AT THE SPRING SCHOOL**

Alejandro Caparros, Institute for Public Goods and Policies (IPP), Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), and University Carlos III, Madrid, Spain; Astrid Dannenberg, University of Kassel, Germany; Michael Hanemann, UC Berkeley, USA; Santiago J. Rubio, Department of Economic Analysis and ERICES University of Valencia, Spain.

### **TOPICS**

The forum focuses on international and global environmental problems, including for instance climate change and biodiversity and the link between trade and the environment. All methods (e.g., econometrics, simulations, game theory, experiments) typically used in environmental and resource economics are acceptable. Possible topics include:

The role and assessment of

- pre-negotiations, negotiations and bargaining as well as global and local institutions
- R&D, mitigation, adaptation, geo-engineering, loss and damages
- spillovers, private and co-benefits
- issue linkage, asymmetry, environmental, ecological, technological and societal thresholds and tipping points as well as networks
- policy instruments, including environmental and trade measures at the domestic and international level
- linkages between trade and the environment
- domestic and international law
- risk, uncertainty and learning
- weather variability and climate change impacts on the economy (developing and developed countries, national and subnational)

for the successful implementation of domestic and international environmental policies. New and other topics not on this list are also considered if they break new ground.

From a methodological point of view, contributions in the realm of game theory, behavioural economics, econometrics, including experimental economics and quantitative political sciences are strongly encouraged. We also welcome CGE and IAM models on climate change with a global focus.

The topic of the Spring School is climate change economics, which will be viewed from different methodological perspectives.

## DEADLINES FOR CONTRIBUTED PAPERS TO THE FORUM

15 November 2019	Abstract submission
16 December 2019	Notification of abstract acceptance to author Registration open
1 February 2020	Early bird registration closes
15 February 2020	Final paper submission
15 March 2020	Registration closes
20 March 2020	Final Forum programme

## DEADLINES FOR SPRING SCHOOL

15 November 2019	Application with short cover letter (motivation) and cv. Reference letters by supervisors are appreciated but not compulsory for consideration.
16 December 2019	Notification of acceptance to applicant. Registration open
1 February 2020	Early bird registration closes
15 February 2020	Final Programme
28 February 2020	Registration closes

## ABSTRACTS FOR FORUM

We would be pleased to receive abstracts on topics outlined above. Abstracts should be one to two A4 pages, including authors, co-authors and affiliation. Please indicate who will present the paper.

## SUBMISSIONS OF ABSTRACTS, FINAL PAPERS FOR FORUM AND APPLICATION TO PHD SCHOOL

Abstracts, final papers and applications for the Spring School should to be sent to the organiser: [epsf-2020@uni-graz.at](mailto:epsf-2020@uni-graz.at)

## REGISTRATION

Registration, travel and accommodation information will be given together with the notification of abstract acceptance for submission to the Forum. Similar information will be given for applications to the Spring School upon acceptance to the Spring School. Further details will be available soon on the following website:

<https://sustainability-forum-2020.uni-graz.at/en/>

## FEES

EPS Forum:	Early Bird: 250 Euros Registration: 300 Euros Early Bird, PhD students registered for Spring School: 110 Euros Registration, PhD students registered for Spring School: 160 Euros
School Fee:	Early Bird: 300 Euros (including hotel room and full board) Registration: 350 Euros (including hotel room and full board)

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