Environmental Protection and Sustainability Forum

3rd edition

Karl-Franzens University Graz, Austria

28-30 September 2022
BACKGROUND

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 University of Graz, Austria, which 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 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 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.

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. Social event in the evening.

Day 2: Keynote presentations in the morning, contributed paper papers in the afternoon. Public Lecture (Prof. Karen Pittel, Head of Center for Energy, Climate and Resources ifo Institute and Department of Economics, University Munich) in the evening with reception.

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.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AT THE FORUM

Scott Barrett, Columbia University, USA; Larry S. Karp, UC Berkeley, USA; Katrin Millock, Paris School of Economics, France; Santiago J. Rubio, University of Valencia, Spain; Rick van der Ploeg, University of Oxford, UK, Scott Taylor, University of Calgary, Canada; Partha Sen, Delhi School of Economics, India; Herman Vollebergh, Tilburg University, The Netherlands, Ulrich Wagner, University of Mannheim, Germany.

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 damage
- 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
- net-zero pathway analyses
- linkages between trade and the environment
- domestic and international law
- population development and use of environment
- 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.

**DEADLINES FOR CONTRIBUTED PAPERS TO THE FORUM**

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**SUBMISSIONS OF ABSTRACTS AND FINAL PAPERS FOR THE 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. Abstracts and final papers should be sent to the organiser: epsf-2022@uni-graz.at

**REGISTRATION**

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

FEES
Early Bird: 280 Euros
Registration: 350 Euros
Discount for PhD Students (registration until July 15, 2022): 140 Euros

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