EAERE Post-Conference Workshop:
The Economics of Inequality and the Environment

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Background and Aims

Sustainability requires trade-offs in allocating both natural and man-made resources within and across generations, as evidenced by high levels of pollutant emissions and resource depletion. Economists are proposing a number of policy instruments to address related market failures, which are receiving increasing attention. At the same time, there is a renewed interest in the causes and consequences of economic inequality, both from policy-makers and researchers. These two issues—environmental policy and economic inequality—are related: While economic inequality influences environmental appraisal and policy, environmental policy and the loss of environmental services may in turn have important distributional consequences.

Against this background, this EAERE Post-Conference Workshop will explore links between environmental policy and economic inequality. The workshop seeks to delineate lessons for environmental policy and to identify knowledge gaps for further research. We aim to focus on a range of environmental problems, such as air pollution, biodiversity loss, climate change and regime shifts in marine systems. Discussions will be motivated by the following guiding questions:

(1) How does the distribution of environmental outcomes affect economic inequality?
(2) How do environmental policies impact economic inequality?
(3) How does economic inequality affect environmental outcomes?
(4) How does economic inequality affect environmental policy appraisal?

Format and Submissions

This EAERE Post-Conference Workshop will bring together a focused group of approximately 25 participants, including invited keynote speakers. Besides keynote lectures, there will be 30-minute slots for regular presentations and egg timers for a few junior participants. This format will provide a stimulating environment for productive discussions.

There is no attendance fee.
We cover accommodation, board and transfers from the airport/train station.

Keynote Speakers

Ottmar Edenhofer | Technical University of Berlin, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK), and Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change (MCC)
Ben Groom | London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
Geoffrey Heal | Columbia Business School
Roberton C. Williams III. | University of Maryland, Resources for the Future (RFF), and Climate Leadership Council
Venue

The workshop will take place at the conference Hotel Kranichsberg set in a peaceful location in Woltersdorf, close to Berlin, situated between two lakes and next to a forest reserve. The relaxing atmosphere should inspire productive research.
https://www.kranichsberg-hotel.de/

Program

Monday, September 21, 2020
3:00 pm onwards arrival and check-in
5:00 pm welcome reception
7:00 pm dinner

Tuesday, September 22, 2020
full day scientific program

Wednesday, September 23, 2020
until 5:00 pm scientific program
transfer to Berlin/airport, or optional hike and stay

Thursday, September 24, 2020
Until 11:00 am final check-out

Hosts

The workshop is organized by the Biodiversity Economics Group at the German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (Dr. Jasper Meya, Prof. Dr. Martin Quaas), the Environmental Economics Group at University of Hamburg (Prof. Dr. Moritz Drupp), the Economics of Sustainability Programme at INET Oxford, University of Oxford (Dr. Linus Mattauch) and the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University (Dr. Lutz Sager).

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Travel

By plane:
The closest airport is Berlin (Schönefeld). It is a 50-minutes drive to the hotel. Tegel is 90 minutes away.
We provide shuttle transfer from/to the airports.

By train:
The closest railway station is Erkner. It is a 45-min. train ride to Berlin Zoo station.
Detailed travel guidance will be provided in advance.

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