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Important Dates

Abstract Submission: July 9, 2010
Author Notification: July 23, 2010
Deadline Papers: September 30, 2010
Registration deadline: October 3, 2010

Registration

Presenters and participants are asked to register by October 3rd, 2010 at the website:

<http://events.unitn.it/en/envirochange2010>

No participation fees are required.

Location

The conference will take place at the Faculty of Economics, University of Trento, Via Inama, 5 Trento.

Accommodation

Participants in this workshop are asked to book their own accommodation. A list of hotels offering reduced rates is available at the webpage below.

Meals

Lunch buffets will be provided by the organization.

Information on venue, travel arrangements and accommodation will be provided through the web site:

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Announcement and Call for Papers

Workshop

**Risk Elicitation
and
Stated Preference Methods
for Climate Change Research**

**October 21-22, 2010
Trento, Italy**



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Background and Aims

The issue of climate change is characterized by a high degree of risk and uncertainty with regard to the outcomes of the future variation of climatic parameters, their consequences on environmental and economic systems, and the effects of related mitigation and adaptation policies.

Since both risk perceptions and risk attitudes influences behaviour, risk elicitation becomes a relevant topic in climate change research both from a scientific and policy perspective. Scientific challenges include, among others, eliciting risk perception and preferences both in laboratory settings and in the field, dealing with "endogenous" risks, addressing ambiguity, and understanding factors that can influence risk attitudes and perception. On the normative side, a better understanding of risk perception and risk attitudes has important policy implication not only in designing and implementing effective and efficient policies but also because the public acceptability of climate change mitigation and adaptation policies can determine their success or failure.

The necessary inclusion of risk in stated preference studies concerning climate change policies represents a significant challenge because of its inherent complexity. The Workshop aims at contributing to the ongoing debate over risk elicitation and its inclusion in climate change preference elicitation, dealing with both methodological and empirical issues. Special emphasis will be given on modelling risk preferences in environmental and agro-food economics, given the relevance of risk and

uncertainty in consumers and farmers decisions that contribute to climate change as well as decision taken to mitigate the effects of climate change. Contributions from transport and energy economics are also welcome.

Topics

The workshop is expected to cover the following topics:

- Elicitation of risk perception and preferences concerning climate change both in experimental settings and in the field
- Comparisons of estimates of risk preferences from hypothetical and real choices concerning climate change
- Econometric methods to incorporate risk in stated preference techniques (contingent valuation, choice experiments, experimental auctions ...)
- Consumers' decisions under uncertainty
- Farmers' and other producers' decisions under uncertainty

Invited speakers

During the plenary session on Thursday 21 October in the afternoon, the following invited speakers will give an overview of the state of research on this topic:

- Trudy Ann Cameron, Univ. of Oregon
- W. Douglass Shaw, Texas A&M University
- Riccardo Scarpa, Waikato School of Management, Hamilton, New Zealand.

Call for papers

The Scientific Committee invites contributed papers for presentation in one day of parallel sessions on Friday 22 October on the following topics:

- Theoretical background and methodological issues
- Applications in consumer behaviour
- Applications in farmers' behaviour
- Applications in Agricultural and Food Policies
- Applications in Environmental, Energy, and Transport Economics
- Statistical and econometric issues

Participants who intend to contribute a paper are requested to send an extended abstract (maximum 2 pages and 1000 words) in English by **July 9, 2010** through the web site

<http://events.unitn.it/en/envirochange2010>

Abstracts should include the question addressed and the relevant theories, should highlight the methodological framework used, and outline the main results.

Notification of accepted abstract will be send by **July 23, 2010**.

The deadline for the final submission of accepted papers is **September 30, 2010**.

Parallel session presentations

Each presenter will be allocated 20 minutes for presentation. Presenters agree to act as discussant for another paper.