









EAERE Highlights

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Focus on



Endorse the Economists' Statement on Carbon Pricing!

The EAERE <u>Policy Outreach Committee</u> (POC) prepared a statement on carbon pricing to be proposed for endorsement to the whole community of economists in Europe and worldwide. The Statement, launched at the Opening Ceremony of the EAERE 24th Annual Conference in Manchester last June, aims to convey the European perspective on carbon pricing and to draw the attention of policy-makers to its importance as a key instrument, even though not the only one, to achieve the future de-carbonization targets. The Statement has already been signed by more than 1500 economists from all over the world. If you haven't done so yet, endorse the Statement by signing it!



Sign the statement <u>here!</u>
Read & share the <u>Press Release</u>

EAERE Magazine - Summer 2019 issue published

This issue is dedicated to the researchers who have been awarded with an EAERE Award this year. Mirjam Kosch, winner of EAERE Best Doctoral Dissertations Award, and her coauthor Jan Abrell, ask how far the support of renewable energy really helps to reduce carbon emissions, what the major drivers are, and what we can learn from the past for future policy design. Mar Reguant, winner of the Award for Researchers under the Age of 40, addresses the problem of leakage, the shift of emissions from regulated to unregulated industries, and presents a tool to support policy makers. Bård Harstad and Torben Mideksa, winners of the Erik Kempe Award, write about the problem of tropical deforestation, and how REDD+ agreements could be improved. EAERE Council Member Carolyn Fischer, who had previously served on ERC grant review panels, provides some key insights for EAERE scholars seeking to apply for these prestigious and transformative multi-year grants. Finally, we have the Juniors-ask-Senior interview with Karine Nyborg, one of the newly appointed EAERE Fellows.



Read the Magazine <u>here</u>
Read more about the awards <u>here</u>

EAERE Elections 2019 - Results

This year, EAERE members voted for a President and two new members of the Council. For the position of President-Elect, the candidates were Phoebe Koundouri and Matti Liski. **Phoebe Koundouri** was elected with 53.51% of votes. Her two-year presidential term will begin in January 2022. She will serve as President-Elect in 2020 and 2021 and for other two years as Past-President, at the end of the presidential term. For the position of ordinary Council members, the set of candidates was comprised of Simon Dietz, Massimo Filippini, Marita Laukkanen and Martin Quaas. **Simon Dietz** and **Marita Laukkanen** were elected, with 43.45% and 51.23% of votes respectively. They will serve for four years beginning in January 2020.



Thanks to all the candidates for participating in the elections. We wish the new President-Elect and the new Council Members every success!

EAERE-ETH European Winter school: applications open until September 13, 2019

Since 2018, the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE) and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH Zurich) have been jointly organising the EAERE-ETH European Winter School series in Environmental and Resource Economics. The School takes place in Monte Verità, Ascona (Switzerland). The topic of the 2020 Winter School will be "Spatial Environmental and Resource Economics". The School will take place on January 26-31, 2020 and will be coordinated by Prof. Anastasios Xepapadeas.

Apply here by September 13th!



European Summer School 2019 - Video pills by lecturers

During the 2019 edition of the European Summer School in Resource and Environmental Economics, this year focused on Econometric Approaches for Environmental Policy Evaluation, we asked the organizers and lecturers to tell us about their contributions and lecture topics in a minute. Watch the video pills here and subscribe to our EAERE Youtube Channel to stay updated!



EAERE Session at EEA-ESEM Conference 2019

EAERE and the <u>European Economic Association (EEA)</u> have recently decided to develop a closer relationship. Within this framework, EAERE is organising a session on Environmental Economics at the <u>34th EEA Annual Congress</u> taking place on August 26th-30th, 2019, in Manchester. Paper presenters are Lassi Ahlvik, Torfinn Harding, Lutz Sager and Moritz Drupp (chair). Full Details on the session are available <u>here</u>.



EAERE is knowledge partner of GGKP's two new platforms

We are happy to announce that EAERE adhered as a Knowledge Partner to the two new Knowledge Platforms promoted by the Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP): the <u>Green Finance Platform</u> and the <u>Green Industry Platform</u>. The two platforms, launched at the High-level Political Forum for Sustainable Development in New York (<u>HLPF</u>) on July 16, will provide the financial and private sectors with the latest research, data, guidance and tools from leading experts and institutions to help green their operations.

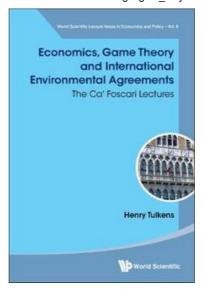


Read the <u>Press Release</u>
Watch the <u>video</u> of the launch event

New book by Henry Tulkens - foreword by EAERE President Carlo Carraro

A new book by Henry Tulkens with a foreword by EAERE President Carlo Carraro has just been published on World Scientific Publishing: "Economics, Game Theory and International Environmental Agreements - The Ca' Foscari Lectures". The book is a rewriting and extension of Tulkens' lectures at Ca' Foscari University, and aims to introduce students to the multidimensional character of international environmental problems in general, and climate change in particular. Ecology, economics, game theory and diplomacy are called upon and brought together in the common framework of a basic mathematical model. Within that framework, and using tools from these four disciplines, the book develops a theory that aims to explain and promote cooperation in international environmental affairs.

The book can be purchased here



Bina Agarwal Prize for Ecological Economics

The Prize Jury for the Bina Agarwal Prize for Ecological Economics consisting of Clement Tisdell (Chair), John Gowdy and E. Somanathan have unanimously decided to award the First Bina Agarwal Prize for Ecological Economics to **Professor Joan Martinez-Alier** for his outstanding contributions to ecological economics. The Prize consists of a cash prize of Rupees Two Lakhs plus a citation which will be presented to Professor Joan Martinez-Alier at the <u>Tenth Biennial Conference of the Indian Society for Ecological Economics</u> (INSEE) to be held on November 6th-8th, 2019 at the Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad.



3rd Sustainability Summit for South-East Europe & the Mediterranean

<u>UN SDSN</u> Greece, co-chaired by Prof. Phoebe Koundouri and Prof. Andreas Papandreou, and <u>EIT Climate KIC Greece</u>, directed by Prof. Phoebe Koundouri, have partnered with <u>The Economist Events</u> in establishing the Annual Sustainability Summit that aims to promote SDGs research and implementation in the Mediterranean and South-East Europe and beyond. <u>The 3rd Sustainability Summit</u> will host many distinguished personalities from Europe and the US, including heads of states, academics, businessmen, policy makers and politicians, to share their knowledge and experience on science driven solutions for the urgently needed sustainability transition for the Region. The summit is scheduled to take place on October 16th - 17th, 2019 at the <u>Goulandris Natural History Museum</u> in Athens. The conference will be under the auspices of the President of the Hellenic Republic, who will also open the event.



News from the BRIGAID project

BRIGAID - Bridging the Gap for Innovations in Disaster Resilience is a 4-year project (2016-2020) under EU Horizon 2020 aimed to effectively bridge the gap between innovators and end-users in resilience to floods, droughts and extreme weather. The objective of BRIGAID is to provide innovators with guidance to develop testing plans which increase the TRL of an innovation and its potential for market uptake. Responsible scientist is Prof. Phoebe Koundouri, and Lead scientist is Asst. Prof. Achilleas Vassilopoulos.



Read BRIGAID's latest newsletter

News from the OpenAIRE-Connect project

OpenAIRE-Connect H2020 Project aims to provide technological and social bridges, and deliver services enabling uniform exchange of research artefacts (literature, data, and methods), with semantic links between them, across research communities and content providers in scientific communication. It will introduce and implement the concept of Open Science as a Service (OSaaS) on top of the existing OpenAIRE infrastructure, delivering out-of-the-box, ondemand deployable tools. Responsible scientist: Prof. Phoebe Koundouri, Lead scientists: Prof. Andreas Papandreou and Asst. Prof. Achilleas Vassilopoulos.



Read OpenAIRE-Connect's latest newsletter

News from the EIT Climate KIC Hub Greece

The newly established <u>EIT Climate KIC Greece Hub</u>, coordinated by Prof. Phoebe Koundouri, is the focal point for organizations from across business and entrepreneurship, higher education, and research and technology, supporting knowledge sharing and integration and accelerating the journey of solutions from the lab through to market. In particular, the EIT Climate KIC Hub Greece brings to surface the potential of Greece for innovative solutions in CleanTech, WaterTech, Circular Economy & innovative financing innovative financing schemes. In 2018 the Hub focused on engagement and networking activities with local actors as well as raising awareness on the new Hub and co-creation of initiatives.



EIT Climate KIC Greece Running Programs:

- 1. Accelerator
- 2. Pioneers into Practice
- 3. Climathon
- 4. Launchpad Competition

News from ICRE8: the RECONNECT project

The International Centre for Research on the Environment & the Economy - ICRE8 has completed the design of questionnaires to quantify the Essential Socio-economic and Cultural Variables in the context of the RECONNECT project, aimed at developing strategies for sustainable management of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Natura 2000 sites. Based on the habitat maps, similarities and differences of the pressures in the four study areas were modeled with the use of Choice Modeling technique. The questionnaires are ready to be released and the social survey to quantify public's Willingness-To-Pay for conservation is about to start. As part of its collaboration with the NGO Healing Lesvos, ICRE8 participated in the World Oceans Day 2019 event on Lesvos island, where the work done in the RECONNECT project was presented.



Find out more about the project here

Launch of new MSc in Energy Economics and Law

The School of Economics of Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece, has just launched a new MSc. The aim of this programme is the scientific training and application of knowledge in current economic, political and legal issues characterizing modern energy markets at international and European level. The MSc is connected to UN SDSN Greece and to the ReSEES laboratory.



Check out the MSc here

New Massive Open Online Course on sustainable food systems - a Mediterranean perspective

Prof. Phoebe Koundouri is involved as lecturer in the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Mediterranean through the MOCC course "Sustainable Food Systems: A Mediterranean Perspective", which is part of the UN SDSN SDGs Academy. UN SDSN SDGs Academy provides free massive open online courses and educational materials from the world's leading experts on sustainable development and the Sustainable Development Goals.



International Conference "Climate change impacts on cultural heritage: Facing the challenge"

The Conference took place in Athens at the end of June, and was organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in collaboration with UNESCO and WMO. Its main focus was to design a framework of viable solutions, including the use of new technologies and concrete actions on how to monitor and protect the world's cultural heritage and strengthen its resilience. It also aimed at raising awareness and encouraging global action on this issue, contributing at the same time to the goals of the Climate Summit in September 2019 and the implementation of UNESCO's strategy for action on climate change. Prof. Phoebe Koundouri, member of the scientific committee and Prof. Andreas Papandreou, both co-chairs of UN SDSN Greece, presented the results of their work related to the effects of climate change on cultural heritage. More information and presentations can be found here



Citizens united for the energy transition in Greece

On June 12th 2019, a workshop on energy transition in Greece hosted by rainbow warrior boat of Greenpeace took place in Marina Zeas in Athens. The discussion was focused on energy communities and innovation as they key answers to energy transition. Among the speakers were Prof. Hatziargyriou Nikos, NTUA, Tsekeris Dimitris, Special Advisor Energy & RES at Ministry of Energy & Environment, Minister's Office, Lydia Papadaki, ICRE8 researcher, Dimitris Kitsikopoulos, vice-president ELECTRA energy and Christos Stefantatos, project officer Parity Platform. The former two speakers are among the successful candidates for two Climate-KIC Greece programmes: Pioneers into Practice and Accelerator. Read more here



GGKP Expert Connect

As a Green Growth Knowledge Platform member, EAERE has been asked to contribute to the GGKP Expert

Connect service. The Expert Connect service allows developing country governments and institutions that support these governments to engage directly with global experts who have agreed to provide up to 20 hours a year of pro bono advice. If you are interested in participating as an expert, subscribe at this <u>link</u>.



Know more about the service here

Policy News



New Public Consultations launched by the European Commission

The European Commission periodically launches public consultations about different policy areas. Through public consultations, you can express your views on the scope, priorities and added value of EU action for new initiatives, or evaluate existing policies and laws. Check out the latest open consultations available on topics relevant to the EAERE and give your feedback.

See the **Consultations**

New Report: Driving finance today for the climate resilient society of tomorrow

UNEP - Finance Initiative partnered with Climate Finance Advisors to deliver this report to the Global Commission on Adaptation as a contribution to a series of technical background papers on finance for adaptation and resilience supporting the GCA's inaugural flagship report scheduled for September 2019. The report identifies the main barriers in the financial system to accelerated investment in adaptation-related programmes and projects and proposes six sets of recommendations to unlock the financing of adaptation programmes.

Read the Full Report

Renewables 2019 Global Status Report

REN21 is an international policy network of experts from governments, inter-governmental organisations, industry associations, NGOs, and science and academia. Every year, REN21 produces its annual flagship

publication, the Renewables Global Status Report (GSR). According to the evidence of 2018, solar photovoltaics (PV) and wind are becoming increasingly popular in the power sector, with an increasing number of countries generating more than 20% of their electricity with solar PV and wind. However, current trends show that stronger policy decisions are needed across all sectors of energy end-use to make our energy systems sustainable. Data in this year's report illustrate that ambitious policy and regulatory frameworks are needed to create favourable and competitive conditions, allowing renewable energy to grow and displace more expensive and carbon-emitting fuels.

Read the Full Report

European Commission's Communication on forests protection

On July 23, the European Commission has set out a new framework of actions to protect and restore the world's forests, today in serious danger from deforestation and forest degradation. The Communication introduces measures to enhance international cooperation with stakeholders and Member States, promotes sustainable finance, a better use of land and resources, sustainable job creation and supply chain management, and targeted research and data collection. It also launches an assessment of possible new regulatory measures to minimise the impact of EU consumption on deforestation and forest degradation.

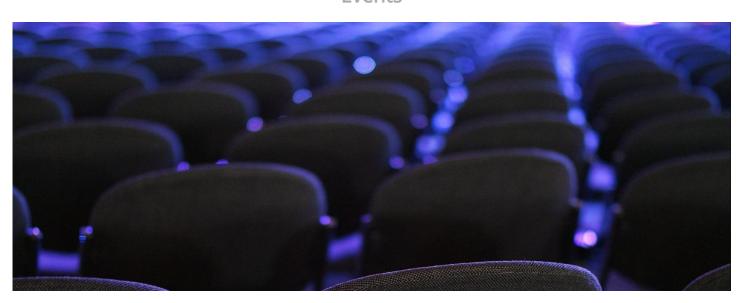
Read the **Communication**

New Joint Research Centre report on factors driving political decision-making

On July 18 the European Commission's Joint Research Centre published a new report based on insight from the behavioural sciences, social sciences and the humanities, which looks at pressing political issues, such as the persistence of disinformation, and how emotions, values, identity and reason affect political decision-making. The aim of the report is to better understand the underlying behavioural and social processes behind policy-making, with the aim of using the findings to improve political decision-making by policymakers – civil servants and politicians – as well as citizens. The report was presented during a launch event in Brussels on the same day.

Read the Full Report

Events



EAERE supported events

28 August 2019, Manchester UK
EAERE Session at EEA-ESEM Conference 2019
Session Webpage - Conference webpage

29-30 August 2019, Rennes, France 6th FAERE Annual Conference Webpage

11-13 September 2019, Wageningen, The Netherlands **21st BIOECON Annual Conference** Deadline for Applications: 6 May 2019 Webpage

25-27 September 2019, Limassol, Cyprus GCET20 – 20th Global Conference on Environmental Taxation Early Fee Deadline: 15 May 2019 Webpage

23-25 October 2019, Trento, Italy

SISC 7th Annual Conference ClimRisk19 - Climate Risk: Implications for ecosystem services and society, challenges, solutions

Call for abstracts deadline: 15 July 2019

<u>Webpage</u>

4-7 November 2019, Rome, Italy
4th IAERE School on "Green and Climate Finance"
Call for applications deadline: 26 July 2019
Webpage

31 May - 4 June 2020, Monte Verità, Ascona, Switzerland SURED 2020 - Monte Verità Conference on Sustainable Resource Use and Economic Dynamics Webpage

Other upcoming events

19-23 August 2019, Wageningen, the Netherlands

Summer School: Assessing Economics And Policies Using The Real Options Methodology – 3 ECTS Webpage

2-3 September 2019, Valencia, Spain

Third AERNA Workshop on Game Theory and the Environment Webpage

9-10 September 2019, Osnabrück, Germany

3rd Meeting of the Research Network on Economic Experiments for the Common Agricultural Policy (REECAP)

<u>Webpage</u>

9-13 September 2019, Berlin, Germany

Summer School on "Economic Foundations for Energy and Climate Policies"

Webpage

10-12 September 2019, Antwerp, Belgium

2nd Interdisciplinary PhD expert course for young researchers

<u>Webpage</u>

20 September 2019, Milan, Italy

Workshop "Innovation and sustainable growth: is the circular economy a disruptive model?"

<u>Webpage</u>

22-23 September 2019, Bogor, Indonesia

International Conference of Resources and Environmental Economics (ICREE) 2019

Webpage

26 -27 September 2019, Venice, Italy

18th International Conference CREDIT 2019 - Assessing and Managing Climate Change Risk: Opportunities for Financial Institutions (Chair: <u>EAERE President Carlo Carraro</u>)

<u>Webpage</u>

30 September - 10 November 2019, online

Online course on Climate Governance jointly organized by School of Transnational Governance and Florence School of Regulation of the European University Institute

Webpage

6-18 November 2019, Hyderabad, India

INSEE Tenth Biennial Conference

Webpage

26-27 November 2019, Toulouse, France

Society For Benefit-Cost Analysis: European Conference 2019

Webpage

16-17 December 2019

7th Workshop on Economics of Low Carbon Markets

Webpage

11-14 February 2020

64th Annual Conference of the Australasian Agricultural & Resource Economics Society (AARES)

Webpage

27-29 April 2020, Curitiba, Brazil

2nd World Symposium on Social Responsibility and Sustainability

Webpage

3-7 May 2020, Berlin, Germany

8th Global Nitrogen Conference

<u>Webpage</u>

Job Market



Applied General Equilibrium Modeller

Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change Foundation (CMCC) and European Institute on Economics and the Environment (EIEE), Venice, Italy

Apply <u>here</u>

NEW deadline: July 31, 2019

PhD Position in agricultural/behavioural economics

University of Trento, Italy

Apply <u>here</u>

Deadline: July 31, 2019

PhD Position in Circular Economy

KU Leuven - Center of Economics and Corporate Sustainability (CEDON), Brussels, Belgium

Apply <u>here</u>

Deadline: August 15, 2019

PhD Energy Transition Hub Researchers

Australian National University, Canberra, Australia

Apply <u>here</u>

Deadline: August 30, 2019

PhD Position in Natural disasters and socio-economic vulnerability

CERDI, Université Clermont Auvergne, France

Apply <u>here</u>

Deadline: August 31, 2019

Professor of Environmental Economics

University of Innsbruck

Apply <u>here</u>

Deadline: September 18, 2019

Professor of Resource and Environmental Economics

SDU Esbjerg, Denmark

Apply <u>here</u>

Deadline: open

PhD Positions in Environmental sustainability and wellbeing

University of Ferrara, Italy

Apply <u>here</u>

Deadline: open

PhD Positions in Economics and management of innovation and sustainability - EMIS

University of Ferrara, Italy

Apply <u>here</u>

Deadline: open

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