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# EAERE Highlights

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## Focus on



### EAERE Annual Conference 2022 - Save the dates!

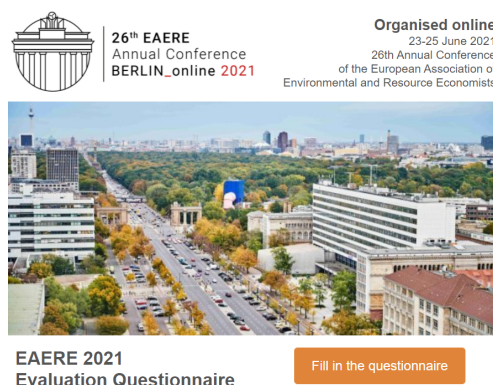
The 27th Annual Conference of EAERE will take place in Rimini, Italy, on **28 June - 1 July 2022**. Save the dates! The Programme Committee Co-Chairs are [Marita Laukkanen](#) (VATT Institute for Economic Research and University of Helsinki), [Alessandro Tavoni](#) (University of Bologna) and [Anastasios Xepapadeas](#) (Athens University of Economics and Business, and University of Bologna). Keynote speakers are [Sir Partha Dasgupta](#) (University of Cambridge), [Lars Peter Hansen](#) (Becker Friedman Institute for Economics at the University of Chicago) and [Catherine L. Kling](#) (Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future at Cornell University). The Local Organizer will be the University of Bologna.



## EAERE Annual Conference 2021 - Evaluation Questionnaire results

This year's Annual Conference evaluation questionnaire report is now ready. We would like to thank those participants who took a few minutes of their time to present their views on this year's event and to provide feedback and thoughts for the design of our future Annual Conferences. The evaluation questionnaire is a tool that gives us information on the respondents' perception and helps us improve in our future events. We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank the "Berlin team" for all their hard work, efficiency and enthusiasm in organising this event. Special thanks go to **Georg Meran** and to **Klaus Eisenack** for their leadership of the Local Organising Committee and the Programme Committee respectively.

Survey results can be accessed [here](#)



## EAERE CO2 compensation

Even though the reduction in travel due to virtualization reduced the CO2 footprint of EAERE 2021 significantly, internet usage is still responsible for a large part of CO2 emissions. Therefore, the LOC decided to offer an optional CO2 offset scheme supporting a local climate protection project. **"MoorFutures"** re-irrigates local fen regions that are precious to the eco systems and play an important role to the regional water balance, climate protection, and biodiversity. In the last centuries, the moors have absorbed a large amount of carbon dioxide which is released over time due to the drainage of these wetlands mostly for agricultural use. Thanks to the generous use of the offered compensation scheme, EAERE 2021 was able to offset **33 tons of CO2**. More information on the project can be found [here](#) (in German only)



## Fourth CEPR/EAERE webinar on climate policy: Carbon pricing

Carbon pricing is useful to induce all GHG emitters to internalize the climate damages associated to their emissions. But even in countries without a market pricing mechanism, it is important to value carbon in order to perform the socio-economic evaluation of the myriad of climate policies that will have to be implemented to attain their emission target. Join us on **Thursday September 30, 2021 from 5:00 to 6:30pm CEST** to hear insights from **Christian Gollier**, President, EAERE, Executive Director, Toulouse School of Economics, and Research

Fellow, CEPR; **Maureen Cropper**, Professor of economics, University of Maryland, and Senior fellow, Resources for the Future; **Michael Greenstone**, Milton Friedman Distinguished Service Professor in Economics, University of Chicago and Research Fellow, CEPR. Panelists will summarize their findings about what carbon price/value should be recommended, or about the rate at which this carbon value should grow over time, and also identify the sources of uncertainty and of scientific disagreement surrounding this economic approach to fighting climate change.

Register [here](#)



## EAERE Representation to the Socio-Economic Assessment Committee at the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) under the EU's REACH Regulation

EAERE has observer status at meetings of the Socio-Economic Assessment Committee (SEAC) convened at the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in Helsinki, under the REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals) Regulation. This note provides some background to REACH and the work of SEAC. EAERE's representatives are Mike Holland (EMRC/Imperial College) and Roy Brouwer (University of Waterloo, Canada).

Read the full note [here](#)



## SDSN Europe's Fireside Chat on European Green Deal at 9th Annual International Conference on Sustainable Development

[SDSN Europe](#) hosted a Fireside Chat on the European Green Deal at the [9th Annual International Conference on Sustainable Development](#), with more than 2.000 attendees from all over the world, titled *"The EU's Plan towards the Future We Want: Fireside Chat on the European Green Deal"*.

In this session, [Prof. Phoebe Koundouri](#), EAERE President-elect and co-chair of SDSN Europe, led a discussion among experts from policy, innovation, and finance to explore the opportunities and challenges of the European Green Deal, for Europe and the rest of the world.

Watch the session online [here](#)

Learn more [here](#)



## Professor Sir Partha Dasgupta awarded Kew International Medal

Earlier this month, Professor and EAERE Member Sir Partha Dasgupta has been awarded the **14th Kew International Medal** for his passion and commitment to protect nature and stop biodiversity loss for the long-term benefit of people and the planet. Dasgupta, who is one of the world's most respected economists, was chosen to receive the prestigious medal following the publication of his ground-breaking report '[The Economics of Biodiversity: The Dasgupta Review](#)', published earlier this year.

Read more [here](#)

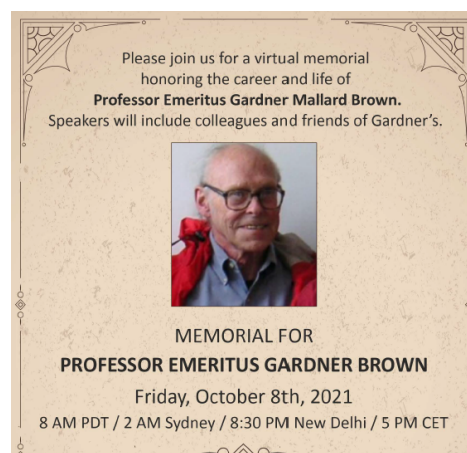


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## Memorial for Professor Emeritus Gardner Brown

Please join us for a virtual memorial honoring the career and life of **Professor Emeritus Gardner Mallard Brown**. Speakers will include colleagues and friends of Gardner's. The memorial will take place on Friday, October 8th, 2021 at 8 am PDT / 2 am Sydney / 8.30 pm New Delhi / 5 pm CET. Please visit the [Mykeeper page](#) set up in Gardner's honor so that your memories and messages may be preserved and shared with his family, loved ones, and the many friends he leaves behind. You may also wish to see the [In Memoriam](#) on the Economics Department's website, prepared by Gardner's colleagues.

To join the memorial, register at [this Zoom link](#)



## Evaluating Policy Packages for Low-Carbon Transitions - Principles and Applications Call for submissions for Special Issue in Ecological Economics



Ecological Economics is looking for high-quality research papers for a special issue on *Evaluating policy packages for low-carbon transitions – principles and applications*. The Guest editor is Prof dr HRJ Vollebergh (Tilburg University & Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency).

The deadline for submissions is **30 September 2021**.

All information and application can be found [here](#)

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## FAERE 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

The [8th Annual Conference](#) of the French Association of Environmental and Resource Economists ([FAERE](#)) was organized by the GAEL research center at the University Grenoble Alpes on September 9-10, 2021. Maureen Cropper (University du Maryland) and Ottmar Edenhofer (EAERE and Technische Universität Berlin) gave exciting plenary lectures. Upon proposition of the Steering Committee, the General Assembly of Members elected [Thomas Sterner as honorary member of the Association](#), for his contribution to promoting, valuing and advancing research and policy works in environmental economics. The FAERE is delighted to welcome among its honorary members a distinguished researcher who has worked for the environment throughout his career, combining research activities, participation in public debates and advice to policy makers. Finally, for 2021, the Young Economist best paper FAERE Award was attributed to Pascale Champalaune (Paris School of Economics, ENS-PSL) for her paper "Inequality in Exposure to Air Pollution in France: Evidence from a City-level Public Policy" (see [Program](#)).



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## 2021 EU Conference on modelling for policy support: collaborating across disciplines to tackle key policy challenges

The Conference brings together **researchers and policymakers across all policy fields** to identify common challenges and solutions in the **use of models to support sound evidence informed policymaking**.

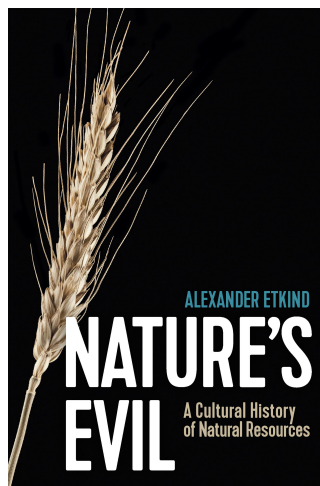
The programme includes: **Keynote speeches** on experiences and lessons learned to tackle highly relevant policy challenges; **Scientific sessions** organised around cross cutting areas such as model quality and transparency, as well as **contributed sessions** on specific topics; **Interactive workshops and training** to exchange experiences and best practices on modelling and beyond, for example on integrating quantitative and qualitative approaches, or the use of new tools for model use in support to policy. The Conference will take place on **22-26 November 2021, fully online and free of charge**.

Find out more on the [Conference webpage](#)



## Nature's Evil: A Cultural History of Natural Resources - discount on book by Alexander Etkind

In this bold and wide-ranging book, Alexander Etkind views the history of humankind through the prism of natural resources—how we acquire them, use them, value them, trade them, exploit them. History needs a cast of characters, and in this story the leading actors are peat and hemp, grain and iron, fur and oil, each with its own tale to tell. Polity Press has issued a **Special 20% Discount for EAERE members**. Hardback / ISBN 9781509547586 / September 2021 / 300 pages with discount: £20.00 / 24,72€. To order your copy with the 20% discount, click [here](#) and use code 20ETK. Offer valid until **31 December 2021**.



## 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 [link](#).



Know more about the service [here](#)

## EAERE: institutional membership

EAERE currently has **41** Institutional Members (10 Full Institutional Members and 31 University Institutional Members) from outstanding institutions in Europe, North America and Asia. Institutional Members share the objectives of the Association and materially support EAERE to further its aims. EAERE is proud of its network of Institutional Members and is very grateful for their support. See the full list of IM [here](#)!

## EAERE FULL INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS 2021



## EAERE UNIVERSITY INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS 2021



## Policy News

### Carbon tax in Israel: better imperfect than nothing at all - Note by Ruslana Rachel Palatnik

In September 2021 the Israeli parliament – the Knesset - gave its approval to the 2021-2022 state budget in its first reading. For the first time in the history of Israel, the budget introduces a carbon tax. The carbon tax is far from reflecting efficient emissions pricing: excise duty will gradually increase until 2028, reflecting the full price of carbon (which is also updated annually), but the tax on gasoline and diesel will reflect only 30% of the carbon price. In contrast, the excise tax on fuel oil will reflect not only the price of carbon but also the price of SOX depending on the Sulfur content.

Read the full note [here](#)

### Responses to [UK Government's response to the Dasgupta Review](#)

The first response stems from a meeting with the UK Treasury on the issue of environmental discounting, chaired by Ben Groom. The workshop included presentations by EAERE President Christian Gollier, Moritz Drupp and Anthony Millner. After hearing arguments on both sides, Treasury opted to recommend a review of environmental pricing rather than having an environmental discount rate across the board. New guidance on this will be written in this regard in the coming months for the Green Book refresh in Spring 2022. This conclusion responds to this comment in the UK Government response to the Dasgupta review on page 22: *"The Green Book continues to be updated in line with emerging evidence and best practice. For example, HM Treasury is conducting an expert review into the application of the discount rate for environmental impacts, on which Professor Dasgupta will be consulted, and which will be concluded this year".*

The conclusion can be found [here](#)

Second response: biodiversity net gain guidance. The UK Government response to the Dasgupta Review states on page 22:

*“To this end, HM Treasury has convened a group of experts, including academic economists and scientists as well as practitioners, to produce supplementary guidance on Biodiversity Valuation for the Green Book, in addition to the guidance on natural capital. This world-leading guidance is expected to be published later this year and will complement the Environment Bill’s biodiversity net gain provisions in supporting better consideration of biodiversity in decision-making.”*

Ian Bateman, Ben Groom, EJ Millner Gulland and Rosie Hails are all part of this group, together with economists from Treasury, Defra Forestry Department team. The team is hoping to provide guidance on biodiversity for the Treasury Green Book on CBA.

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### **EAERE Representatives in the approval of the IPCC’s WG1 Summary for Policymakers**

Two members of the Policy Outreach Committee, **Xavier Labandeira** and **Aldo Ravazzi**, participated as EAERE observers in the approval process of the Summary for Policy Makers (SPM) of the IPCC’s Working Group on the physical science basis of climate Change (WG1) that took place between 28 July and 8 August 2021. This SPM is a non-technical synopsis that condenses into about 40 pages the contribution of WG1 to the Sixth Assessment Report of the IPCC, a document of about 3000 pages in which some 200 authors from all over the world have participated during the last three years. The approval of SPMs is carried out line by line by delegates from the approximately 200 governments that are part of the IPCC, with the presence of the report’s co-chairs of the working group and author representatives from all its chapters.

Read the full news [here](#)

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### **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. Particularly, we would like to flag the [Air quality - revision of EU rules consultation](#).

See all the [Consultations](#)

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## **Upcoming Events**



Check out the [Agenda](#) on the EAERE website! All major events in EnvEcon signalled to EAERE are listed there



and classified by type. Below is a snapshot of the Agenda for the next month.

October 2021							<span>MONTH</span> <span>WEEK</span> <span>LIST VIEW</span>	
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN		
27	28	29	30	1	2	3		
<div>SCHOOL</div> <div>EAERE Summer School in Resource and Environmental Economics 2021</div>								
4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
<div>CONFERENCE</div> <div>Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis European Conference 2021</div> <div>EAERE SUPPORTED EVENT</div>								
25	26	27	28	29	30	31		

## Job Market



All the open positions signalled to EAERE are published on our [LinkedIn webpage](#). If you wish to share a vacancy with us, write to [ottavia.carlon@eaere.org](mailto:ottavia.carlon@eaere.org) copying [eaere@eaere.org](mailto:eaere@eaere.org).

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### Regulatory Economist

*European Chemicals Agency*

**Deadline: 4 October 2021, 11.00 CET**



## OPEN POSITION

### "Energy-Water-Air-Health" Interdisciplinary Postdoctoral application program

*Peking University*

**Deadline: 15 October 2021**



## OPEN POSITION

### Postdoctoral Researcher in PES design

*INRAE*

**Application deadline: 20 December 2021 but earlier applications are encouraged and recruitment could occur as soon as September 2021 if a suitable candidate is identified.**



## OPEN POSITION

### Senior Labor Economist, Climate and Equity

*Environmental Defense Fund*

**Application deadline: open**



## EAERE MEMBERS

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