

ESEE 2011

ADVANCING ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS: THEORIES AND PRACTICES

9th International Conference of the European Society for Ecological Economics

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Bogaziçi University, Istanbul

Call for Papers

Ecological economics explicitly recognises the interconnections and interdependence of the economic, biophysical and social worlds and focuses on the human economy both as a social system and a system embodied in the bio-physical universe. Reflecting on the identity of ecological economics, the 9th conference of the European Society will investigate how ecological economics can broaden the available range of methods and tools for policy support, and increase its relevance for the real-world problems.

In this regard, ESEE 2011 has two main objectives:

- i. To create a platform for discussion of theories, methodologies and practices already existing in the field and assess what has been achieved so far.
- ii. To explore the full potential of ecological economics in dealing with policy issues, both in theory and in practice.

Submissions for papers and special sessions are encouraged on the conference main theme *Advancing Ecological Economics: Theories and Practices* and on the following sub-themes.

Theories and Methods in Ecological Economics

1. **Conceptual Foundations** – Incommensurability, Entropy, Co-evolution, Post-normal Science, Resilience, Sustainability, Transdisciplinarity, etc.
2. **Methods** – Languages of Valuation, Evaluation under Complexity and Uncertainty (Scenarios, Multi-criteria, etc.), Modelling, Social Metabolism, Participation, Value Articulating Institutions, Deliberative Methods, Multi-method application for interdisciplinary research, etc.
3. **Economy as a Social System**
 - a. Economy Embodied in the Biophysical Universe
 - b. Structures of Injustice and the Ecosystem
 - c. The Role of Culture and Ideology
4. **Interdisciplinarity in Ecological Economics**
 - a. Embracing Methodological Pluralism—Feminist Economics, Post-Keynesian Economics, Institutional Economics and other heterodox approaches
 - b. The Necessity of Interdisciplinarity—including but not limited to Social Ecology, Political Ecology, Social Psychology, Environmental Sociology, Industrial Ecology, Natural Sciences, etc.

Ecological Economics Navigating in the Real World

1. Policy Analysis and Tools

- a. Ecosystem's Health – Climate Change, Land Use, Biodiversity, Water, Forests
- b. Energy (Energy Sources, Efficiency, Transportation, Renewable Energy etc.)
- c. Inequality, Poverty and the Environment
- d. Quality of life, Needs, Well-being, Capabilities – Sustainable Development
- e. Population
- f. Food and Agriculture
- g. Trade and the Environment
- h. Sustainable Consumption
- i. Sustainable Indicators and Indices
- j. Environmental Policy Instruments (Taxes, Quotas, Tradable Permits, Information, Legal Instruments, etc.)
- k. New Institutions – Multi-level Governance

2. **Socio-economic Transitions** – Environmental History, Crises in the Growth Paradigm, Ecological Macroeconomics, Dynamics of Socio-Ecological Systems, Transitions Management, Social Learning and Knowledge, Dematerialization, Sustainable De-growth, Transcending Anthropocentrism

3. **Civil Society and Governance** – Deliberative Mechanisms, Environmental Conflicts and Justice Movements, Environmental Citizenship, Civil Society Organisations

4. **Education** – Existing practice and frontiers in studying and teaching Ecological Economics

The preliminary program includes the following type of sessions: Plenary sessions, focused discussions/special sessions, parallel sessions, poster sessions, roundtable discussion, PhD meeting.

Proposals for paper and poster presentations (abstracts with 1200 words with a summary of 800 characters) on any of the Conference themes, and for the organisations of the special sessions in the form of focused discussions/ thematic sessions, are welcomed.

Instructions for submission and Conference program will be displayed at Conference website:

www.esee2011.org.

Relevant Dates and Deadlines

Proposals for Special Sessions:	26 November 2010
Submission of Abstracts:	24 December 2010
Notification of Acceptance:	21 February 2011
Early Registration:	15 April 2011
Final Papers due:	2 May 2011
Conference:	14-17 June 2011

Fees including submission to the EPG journal*

ESEE/ISEE members	Full Fee (€)	350	Early Registration (€)	300
Non -members **	Full Fee (€)	400	Early Registration (€)	350
Students	Full Fee (€)	240	Early Registration (€)	190

* Paying the fee will also give you access to the internet version of the journal Environmental Policy and Governance for two years.

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