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Climate Economics Spring School

4-6 April 2020

Castle Seggau

close to Graz, Styria, Austria

combined with

Environmental Protection and Sustainability Forum

Karl-Franzens-University Graz, Austria

7-9 April 2020

The Karl-Franzens University Graz, Austria, is pleased to announce the **Spring School on Climate Economics** for PhD students and early PostDocs. The Spring School will take place from April 4 (arrival) to April 6, 2020 at the Castle Seggau, in Styria, Austria, and participants are invited to present their papers at the immediately subsequent **Environmental Protection and Sustainability Forum**, taking place at the Karl-Franzens University of Graz, Austria, from April 7-9, 2020.

BACKGROUND

The Karl-Franzens University Graz, Austria has a strong expertise in environmental economics. The University is heavily investing in the research on climate change through its “Wegener Centre for Climate and Global Change” and its newly launched Field of Excellence “Climate Change Graz”. The “*Environmental Protection and Sustainability Forum*” (EPSF) has previously taken place in Exeter (April 2011) and Bath (April 2015) both United Kingdom. Given the great success in the past, this time it will take place at the *Karl-Franzens University of Graz, Austria*. The EPSF will be organized by Professor Michael Finus, together with his colleagues Professor Birgit Bednar-Friedl, Professor Stefan Borsky and Professor Karl Steininger. The Faculty of Social Sciences at the Karl-Franzens University of Graz is convening a three-day international forum. This event will bring together leading international researchers in the field of environmental and resource economics and influential stakeholders from international institutions including the World Bank and the European Union. This time, we combine the Forum with a *PhD Spring School*, which takes place before the Forum at the lovely *Castle Seggau*, which is not far from Graz. Four internationally well-known academics will teach at this school. The number of places at the School is limited to 40 students.

TOPICS AND SPEAKERS AT THE SPRING SCHOOL

The Spring School covers important topics in climate change economics.

Alejandro **Caparros**, Institute for Public Goods and Policies (IPP), Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), and University Carlos III, Madrid, Spain.

The Dynamics of Climate Change Negotiations: Modeling the Paris Agreement

Astrid **Dannenber**g, University of Kassel, Germany.

Insights from Experimental Economics for Climate Change Negotiations

Michael **Hanemann**, University of Arizona and UC Berkeley, USA.

Economic Evaluation of Climate Change Damages

Santiago J. **Rubio**, Department of Economic Analysis and ERICES, University of Valencia, Spain.

International Environmental Agreements: Heterogeneity, Optimal Transfers, Technical Innovation, Adaptation and Stock Pollutants

FORMAT

The Spring School takes place over two days (5-6 April, arrival 4 April) with morning and afternoon sessions taught by the speakers. Castle Seggau lies in a fantastic surrounding with pool, vineyards and a wine cellar, which allows for wine tasting. Full board and accommodation at Castle Seggau are included in the school fee. Those who also attend the Forum will receive a discount on registration fees for the Forum. Spring

School participants are encouraged to submit their papers for presentation and discussion at the Forum.

Castle Seggau can be reached by public transport via train station Leibnitz (with train connections to Graz airport (26 minutes), Graz (~1/2 hour), Vienna and Vienna airport (3 hours), and collective cab organized by the Spring School. Participants will receive logistic in organising their trip through Ms Pfeifer (see details below). More details are also provided on the website (see details below). For the transfer from castle Seggau to Graz, the location of the Sustainability Forum, a bus (free of charge) will be available in the evening of April 6.

Environmental Protection and Sustainability Forum

The nature of this 3-day international forum is unprecedented. It involves facilitated debates, interactive discussions and top level knowledge exchange in an intimate atmosphere, quite different from other major international conferences.

There will be:

- 10 keynote lectures by leading international academics
- A public lecture open to people from government, business, science and the local community
- 40-60 contributed papers

Day 1: Registration in the morning. Keynote presentations in the morning, contributed papers are presented in the afternoon. Public Lecture in the evening with reception.

Day 2: Keynote presentations in the morning, contributed paper papers in the afternoon. Social Dinner in the evening.

Day 3: Keynote presentations in the morning. Lunch and farewell.

Like at the previous two forum events, we plan to edit a special issue in one of the leading environmental and/or general economics journals after the event with the best papers. The call for this special issue will be announced separately in due course.

From a methodological point of view, contributions in the realm of game theory, behavioural economics, econometrics, including experimental economics and quantitative political sciences are strongly encouraged. We also welcome CGE and IAM models on climate change with a global focus.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AT THE FORUM

Scott Barrett, Columbia University, USA; Alejandro Caparros, Institute for Public Goods and Policies (IPP), Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), and University Carlos III, Madrid, Spain; Carlo Carraro, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, CMCC, Italy; Astrid Dannenberg, University of Kassel, Germany; Ottmar Edenhofer, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change and TU Berlin, Germany; Carolyn Fischer, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands; Michael Hanemann, UC Berkeley, USA; Larry S. Karp, UC Berkeley, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, USA; Andreas Lange, University of Hamburg, Germany; Santiago J. Rubio, Department of Economic Analysis and ERICES University of Valencia, Spain; Daan van Soest, Tilburg University, The Netherlands; Herman Vollebergh, Tilburg University, The Netherlands.

DEADLINES

15 November 2019	Application for Spring School with short cover letter (motivation) and CV. Reference letters by supervisors are appreciated but not compulsory for consideration. Abstract submission for the Forum.
16 December 2019	Notification of acceptance to applicant. Registration open
1 February 2020	Early bird registration closes
15 February 2020	Final Programme of Spring School and Forum
28 February 2020	Registration for Spring School closes
15 March 2020	Registration for Forum closes
20 March 2020	Final Forum programme

ABSTRACTS OF PHD SPRING SCHOOL APPLICANTS FOR FORUM

We would be pleased to receive abstracts in the field of climate change and environmental economics. Abstracts should be one to two A4 pages, including authors, co-authors and affiliation. Please indicate who will present the paper.

SUBMISSIONS OF APPLICATION TO PHD SCHOOL, ABSTRACTS and FINAL PAPERS FOR FORUM

Applications for the Spring School, abstracts, and final papers and should to be sent to the organiser: epsf-2020@uni-graz.at

REGISTRATION

Registration, travel and accommodation information will be given together with notification of acceptance to the Spring School. Similar information will be given for submissions to the Forum upon the notification of acceptance. Further details will be available on the following website:

<https://sustainability-forum-2020.uni-graz.at/en/>

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School Fee: Early Bird: 300 Euros (including hotel room and full board, Castle Seggau)
 Registration: 350 Euros (including hotel room and full board, Castle Seggau)

EPS Forum: Early Bird: 250 Euros
 Registration: 300 Euros
 Early Bird, PhD students registered for Spring School: 110 Euros
 Registration, PhD students registered for Spring School: 160 Euros

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