Climate Policy Reading Group

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Time: Every other Wednesday from 12.30 to 14.00
Venue: DIW Berlin
Credits: 3 ECTS

Course description

In this reading group, we will discuss current research in economics of climate policy in relation to the main topics of current activity of the Climate Policy department at DIW Berlin, i.e., policies for industrial decarbonization, electricity markets design, policies for renewables and sustainable finance. After an introductory meeting, each meeting will focus on one of the mentioned topics and will be coordinated by the post-doc in the team that works on this topic. In each of the meetings, one student will present one paper on the topic (30 min), as chosen from a shortlist of relevant papers and communicated in advance to all participants. The presentation is then followed by group discussion on the paper and put in relation to the broader research agenda of the post-doc and her/his colleagues and to current policy debates. Depending on the interest of participants, more sessions can be added on selected issues.

Required materials

We will mostly discuss recently published work and current working papers. Post-doc coordinators suggest in advance a shortlist of relevant papers on each topic. For each topic/meeting, one of the students selects the paper he/she wants to present (preferably from suggested list) and inform colleagues and the relevant post-doc on the choice ahead of the meeting so that they can also prepare.

Prerequisites

The course is primarily aimed at 1st year PhD students with an interest in Climate and Energy Economics and Policy.

Course objectives

The reading group is meant to give students an overview of the most relevant topics in Climate Policy Economics. By relating to research and policy discussions in different sub-fields, participants will get an understanding of the main issues in climate policy and related research questions as addressed with different methodologies. This can help participants to critically assess different papers and be exposed to different methodologies, as well as shape their own research interests and identify open questions and develop ideas for their own future research.

Schedule

We will discuss papers related to the different topics of current activity of the Climate Policy Department at DIW Berlin, namely policies for industrial decarbonization, electricity markets design, policies for renewables and sustainable finance. Below is a list of suggested papers (per topic) that can be discussed during the course.
Introduction


Policies for industrial decarbonization


Electricity markets


Renewables policies


Sustainable Finance
