

Environmental Federalism:
The political economy of the design of local taxation and environmental protection.
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Call for paper

An increasing literature is dealing with the topic of environmental taxation issues and sustainable economic development. Our conference aims at analyzing these issues in a federalist context. Particular attention should be paid to the role of institutions and local policy makers in the design of local environmental taxation in order to promote environmental goals and increase the revenue rising capacity of local governments.

A political economy approach should be adopted to investigate the role of fiscal tools, such as taxes and tariffs/charges/fees, set by sub-national tiers of governments in order to implement environmental protection. This is particularly relevant in a context where the creation and the implementation of policies are influenced by several stakeholders and pressure groups, such as local and national lobbies, politicians, and bureaucrats.

Focusing on the political economy of the design of local taxation and environment protection, the workshop will devote minor attention to the design of environmental standard and regulatory measures to manage emission standards.

Scholars and experts are invited to send theoretical and empirical contributions on the following topics:

1. Assignment of environmental taxation and tax setting rules at the local level.
2. Horizontal fiscal competition in local environmental taxation and race to the bottom.
3. Vertical fiscal competition in environmental local taxation, coordination among levels of governments, strategic behaviour.
4. Instruments for a green reform of local taxation (taxes, tariffs/charges/fees, removal of environmentally harmful subsidies, creation of markets, ...).
5. Redistribution issues of environmental local taxation.
6. Methodological analyses on the impact of environmental federalism on employment, economic growth.
7. Tax evasion and local environment protection.
8. Sector (transports, water, waste, energy, buildings, tourism, agriculture, etc.) and national/sub-national/local case studies.
9. Coordination among local taxation and national and global environmental issues and agreements.
10. Industrial competitiveness, territorial competitiveness and local environmental taxation.

Submission

Submit a long abstract to: opera@univpm.it no later than **July 17, 2011**. Full paper will be considered too.

Long abstract should be as follow:

Title of the paper

Name(s) of author(s)

Institutional affiliation of author(s), with complete mailing address and e-mail of the presenter.

JEL classification and keywords
Abstract of 750-1500 words

The name of the file should be the name(s) of the author(s); the format of the file should be .pdf

Decisions on acceptance of submitted papers will be communicated not later than **August 21, 2011**.

Full papers should be submitted no later than **October 31, 2011**.

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