




# BERGEN ECONOMICS OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE (BEEER 2012)

NHH, May 15<sup>th</sup> to noon 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2012

## INVITATION AND CALL FOR PAPERS/PRESENTATIONS – EVENT UPDATE

BEEER 2012 is shaping up to be a compelling forum for both academics and industry professionals!

We look forward to welcoming our keynote speakers to present their current or recent research on the important topics that are energy policies, environmental policies and climate.

 <p>Joshua Linn Resources for the Future, Washington, DC</p>	<p><b>'Using Vehicle Taxes to Reduce Carbon Dioxide Emissions Rates of New Cars: Evidence from France, Germany, and Sweden'</b></p> <p>Joshua Linn investigates recent tax reforms in France, Germany, and Sweden, which link vehicle taxes to carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions rates. Taking advantage of the theoretical equivalence between an emissions rate standard and a CO<sub>2</sub>-based tax, the results are used to estimate the effect on manufacturers' profits of reducing emissions rates.</p>
 <p>Jessica Coria University of Gothenburg</p>	<p><b>'Prices vs Quantities with Multiple Pollutants'</b></p> <p>Jessica Coria explores the tradeoffs between environmental efforts at abating global and local pollution respectively, indicating the need to coordinate between the local and the global objectives.</p>
 <p>Bård Harstad, UiO</p>	<p><b>'Climate Contracts'</b></p> <p>Bård Harstad suggests a new framework for analyzing emissions, investments in technologies, negotiations, and renegotiation. Although the model is dynamic and quite general, the analysis is surprisingly tractable.</p>

Our evening panel debate, **'Green Certificates - Now what?'** will focus on support for renewable resources from a Nordic perspective. Representatives from different market participants and academia will discuss the merits and pitfalls of Norway entering a Swedish-Norwegian certificate market. The debate will address such questions as: 'How are local costs and benefits weighed against national goals, and costs?' and 'Are 'green certificates' sufficient, insufficient or just plain wrong?'

The Conference will furthermore be divided into sessions of relevant themes, inviting presentation of papers and preliminary research from researchers in the fields of energy, environment, natural resources and climate change.

Abstracts of papers for presentation during open sessions should be sent to [beeer-conference@nhh.no](mailto:beeer-conference@nhh.no). We will also accept conference registration at the same address (conference registration is free).

We look forward to your participation in May!

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