

Special Issue

Economic Analysis of Environmental Goods for Policy

Message from the Guest Editors

Economic activity can pose serious threats to the current and future conservation of environmental goods and the associated ecosystem services by polluting natural systems, overexploiting natural resources, transforming land from biodiversity habitats to cropping or housing, and contributing to global change. Public intervention may lead the role to internalize environmental externalities by both regulation and promoting incentives. Economic analysis is particularly relevant to guide policy decision-making to conserve and improve the environment. This Special Issue aims to contribute to such a field, assessing environmental policies through economic analysis and it might include, but is not limited to, the following topics:

- Economic valuation of environmental goods;
- Analysis of institutional mechanisms for conserving environmental goods, including payments for ecosystem services and tradable entitlement systems, among others;
- Protected natural areas and species conservation, including aspects such as ecotourism, endangered and invasive species;
- Integration of economic and ecological modelling, supporting the assessment and design of environmental policies.

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