



The effects of environmental policy measures: potentials and challenges

5 - 6 June, Aud. 6, Eilert Sundt's House Blindern

Why are many environmental policies ineffective?

To develop effective policy instruments, we have to understand “the nature” of how individuals, groups, institutions and societies react to these regulations.

We approach this topic from the perspective of law, behavioural economy, psychology, and anthropology.

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June 5: The effect of policy instruments

9:15 - 9:20	Ingrid Nesheim (MILEN research school)	Welcome
9:20 - 10:00	Bente Halvorsen (Statistics Norway)	Introduction: The effectiveness of policy instruments depends on the public's response. To assure the efficiency of current and future policy efforts, analyses of how instruments affect behaviour and their ability to reduce emissions are thus of great importance.
10:00 - 10:45	Endre Stavang (Department of Private Law, UiO)	Law from the perspective of "environmental law and economics" will be discussed. - How can law be described and evaluated in an economic perspective? How can law be understood as part of the environmental policy tool-kit? How can law impede policies which prima facie seems socially desirable?
10:45 - 11:00	Coffee and fruits	
11:00 - 11:45	Kjell Arne Brekke (Institute of Economy, UiO)	Price as an information carrier: Experimental studies will be used to show how prices in a market effectively convey information that only a small number of participants has in the first place. Environmental policy instruments: Brief theory of environmental taxes and tradable emission quotas.
11:45 - 12:30	Einar Strumse (Lillehammer University College)	Assumptions derived from environmental psychology as an alternative to economic arguments.
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch	
13.30 - 14.30	Kjell Arne Brekke (Institute of Economy, UiO)	Seminar participants will be asked to participate in an experiment. The purpose of the experiment is not research, but as an introduction to the experimental methodology of psychology and increasingly also economics.

June 6th: Examples of analysis

9:15 - 10:45	Bente Halvorsen (Statistics Norway)	Policy instruments may have both intended and unintended behavioural effects. Sometimes these unintended effects benefit the environment and sometimes they will not (adverse effects). The case of heat pumps will be used to illustrate such effects.
10:45 - 11:00	Coffee and fruits	
11:00 - 12:00	Tanja Winther (Centre for Development and the Environment, UiO)	About the importance of understanding the socio-cultural context in the design of effective instruments in environmental policy.
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch	
13.00 - 13.20	Toril Svaan Ministry of Petroleum and Energy.	Mål og virkemidler for omlegging i energisektoren.
13.20 - 14.00	Kjell Arne Brekke will present yesterdays experiment. Discussion chaired by Bente Halvorsen and Tanja Winther.	