

Environmental Economics

Econ 358

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TR 1:30pm-2:45pm at POST 127

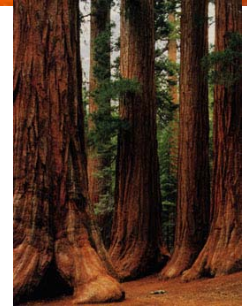


Items to explore:

- Tradeoff between economic growth and environmental quality: when it exists, and how to strike a balance
- Valuing the environment - how much is clean air, clean water, or biodiversity worth?
- Environmental policies: quality standards, taxes, cap and trade—which options are preferred for each environmental issue?

Topics covered:

- Energy use, climate change, fisheries management, biodiversity, ecosystem services, ... and more!!!
- Hands-on economic analysis through exciting group projects (students in the past loved them!)



While we benefit from natural environment and resources, protecting them can be costly. Some environmental policies induce unintended consequences and fail to address their environmental goals. How fast should we reduce greenhouse gas emissions to address climate change? Why can tropical timber boycott cause further deforestation? We will see how economics, combined with biology, ecology, geography, law, and many other disciplines, can help us answer these questions and analyze various environmental challenges. Non-majors are welcome!