



CALL FOR THEMATIC AND POLICY SESSIONS

Deadline: 31 January 2018

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The 6th World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists (WCERE) will take place in Gothenburg from June 25 to June 29, 2018.

After Venice (1998), Monterey (2002), Kyoto (2006), Montréal (2010) and Istanbul (2014), the profession will convene on the beautiful Swedish west coast. WCERE 2018 is hosted by the Department of Economics at the School of Business, Economics and Law, University of Gothenburg. The conference is jointly organized by the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists ([AERE](#)), the East Asian Association of Environmental and Resource Economists ([EAAERE](#)) and the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists ([EAERE](#)).

There will be two types of pre-organized sessions at WCERE 2018 for which proposals are now invited.

(1) **THEMATIC SESSIONS** aim to advance theory and methods in the field of environmental and resource economics. They normally consist of three or four papers connected by a unifying theme (subject or method). The theme is expected to be of interest to a relatively broad audience of environmental and resource economists. The individual papers are expected to be of very high quality, both with respect to scientific content and presentation. The Scientific Committee will select a limited number of proposed Thematic Sessions based on scientific quality and originality. The thematic sessions will run in parallel in much the same way as regular parallel sessions.

(2) **POLICY SESSIONS** aim to advance the application of environmental and resource economics in policy-making and to provide a forum of exchange between policy-makers and academics. Sessions are expected to be of interest to a broad audience of research economists. They will typically be formatted as formal presentations or as roundtable discussions. Papers are not required. The Scientific Committee will select a limited number of proposed Policy Sessions based on significance and originality. The Policy sessions will also run in parallel in much the same way as regular parallel sessions.

Proposal, guidelines and rules

(1) **THEMATIC SESSION:** To propose a Thematic Session, the Organizer(s) should send an email entitled "Thematic Session" to programme_wcere2018@gu.se with the following information:

- Name(s) of the Thematic Session's Organizer(s).
- Proposed title of the Thematic Session.
- A short description of the theme, including a motivation and an explanation how the three papers individually and jointly bear on the theme.

- Title, author names, and at least a 100-word abstract for EACH of the three papers included in the Session. Full papers are also encouraged.

For their organizers, **THEMATIC SESSIONS** entail particular responsibilities:

- Thematic Session Organizer(s) must commit to attend WCERE 2018 and to chair the specific Thematic Session.
- Thematic Session Organizer(s) are responsible for ensuring that the Session contributors are aware of and follow the rules below.
- There are no dedicated financial resources to support Thematic Sessions. All nominated participants in a Thematic Session have to pay the WCERE conference registration fees. No discount on the registration fees can be provided.
- All papers in the Session must be submitted and participants registered by **May 8, 2018**.

(2) **POLICY SESSION:** To propose a Policy Session, the Organizer(s) should send an email entitled "Policy Session" to programme_wcere2018@gu.se with the following information:

- Name(s) of the Policy Session's Organizer(s).
- Proposed title of the Policy Session.
- A short description of the theme and its policy relevance to environmental or natural resource economists.
- Titles, speaker names, brief bios, and a brief description of the speaker's expertise and expected contribution to the Session.
- Any other documentation such as background papers that the Organizer wishes to refer to as fundamental for the Session.
- All participants in the Session must be registered by **May 8, 2018**.

For their organizers, **POLICY SESSIONS** entail particular responsibilities:

- Policy Session Organizer(s) must commit to attend WCERE 2018 and to chair their Session (or appoint a person who does this in their place).
- Policy Session Organizer(s) are responsible for ensuring that the Session contributors are aware of and follow the rules below.
- There are no dedicated financial resources to support Policy Sessions. However, policy-makers contributing to a Policy Session qualify for free access to WCERE 2018 on the day of their session. No further access or discounts on registration fees can be provided.

The deadline for the submission of proposals is 31st January 2018.

Notification of the decision by the Scientific Committee is scheduled for **28 Feb 2018**.

AERE Representative: Gernot Wagner, Harvard University

EAAERE Representative: Shunsuke Managi, Kyushu University

EAERE Representative: Ben Groom, London School of Economics

Local Organizing Committee Representative: Fredrik Carlsson, University of Gothenburg

WCERE 2018 Scientific Programme Committee Co-chairs

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Nava Ashraf - London School of Economics, UK
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Lata Gangadharan - Monash University, Australia
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Further information

Further information is available at the conference website www.wcere2018.org or by writing to programme_wcere2018@gu.se.

Important Deadlines

15 November 2017: Papers submissions open
31 January 2018: Deadline for proposals for policy and thematic sessions
30 March 2018: Notifications of acceptance of papers
30 April 2018: Deadline early registrations
5 June 2018: Preliminary Conference programme release

