

CLIMATE SEMINAR

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Using experiments to understand public attitudes towards environmental policy

Why do people oppose environmental policies, even when they increase overall welfare? This talk explores insights from lab experiments designed to understand public attitudes towards environmental policy. By testing taxes, subsidies, and regulations in controlled settings, we show how information, experience and perceptions of fairness and effectiveness shape policy attitudes. The findings highlight behavioral mechanisms behind policy opposition and offer lessons for more effective environmental policy design.

Dr. Steffen Kallbekken is Research Director at CICERO Center for International Climate Research in Oslo, where he leads work at the intersection of behavioural economics and climate policy. He has more than two decades of experience combining research with direct policy engagement, including serving as Director of the Centre for International Climate and Energy Policy and Senior Advisor to the Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment. A leading expert on public support for climate policy, Dr. Kallbekken has pioneered experimental and survey-based studies on cooperation, fairness, and legitimacy in environmental policy. His work has been published in top journals (e.g., Nature, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management). He is Lead Author of the IPCC Seventh Assessment Report (Chapter on Enablers and Barriers) and has contributed to several high-level government commissions in Norway.



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- 📅 October 14th, kl. 12:15-13:30
- 📍 Aud. 3, Harald Schielderups hus
- ☕ Simple lunch and coffee will be provided
- 👤 Open for everyone