

CONFERENCE

European climate action: Political economy challenges



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By Zoom, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford

Convenors: European Political Economy Project (EuPEP), in collaboration with the Europaemum

COP26, the next global climate summit, will take place in Glasgow in November 2021, and Europe will be a key player. This conference looks at the political economy challenges (as opposed to the scientific advances) that must be overcome to meet global climate goals, with a focus on Europe's agenda.

- A first session will look at the stakes at COP26 and the contribution of the European Green Deal to strengthening climate action commitments.
- A second session will examine the challenges for governments in paying for climate action—since government budgets will be even more constrained post-covid, and carbon taxes are yet to prove politically feasible.
- A third session will take stock of the adequacy of public and private sector financing arrangements for climate investment. Is the balance between public and private investment appropriate? How best can financial sector guidelines be leveraged into complementing public sector efforts and delivering effective ESG investment? Inter alia, is there a role for central banks?
- A final session will ask how best to harness public activism, for instance in NGOs and among political groups.

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Programme

14:00 Introduction to the conference, Hartmut Mayer (Director, ESC, St. Antony's College; Executive Chair of the Europaeum)

14:05 Tour d'Horizon of conference, Adrienne Cheasty, ESC, St. Antony's College

14:10 **Europe and COP26: Contribution and Expectations** [Thomas Hale, Blavatnik School of Government, chair]

Overview of the Green Deal

- Mauro Petriccione, DG Climate, European Commission

The stakes at COP26

- Emmanuel Guérin, Executive Director, European Climate Foundation

Climate action and the political process

- Heidi Hautala, Vice-President, European Parliament

Open Discussion (Q&A)

15:15 *break*

15:30 **Paying for the European Green Deal** [Tim Vlandas, St. Antony's College, chair]

Can the EU fiscal framework accommodate climate action?

- Jean Pisani-Ferry, Senior Fellow at Bruegel and PIIE, Professor EUI

A sustainable fiscal approach to European climate action

- Dora Iakova, IMF, Assistant Director leading IMF work on European Climate Policies

How to make carbon taxation acceptable to the public?

- Linus Mattauch, Martin School, Oxford

Open Discussion (Q&A)

16:30 *break*

16:45 Effective Investment in Climate Action [Kalypso Nicolaidis, St. Antony's, chair]

Mobilizing effective sustainable investment

- Josué Tanaka, Visiting Professor in Practice at LSE's Grantham Research Institute for Climate Change and the Environment

What role can central banks play?

- Olaf Sleijpen, Executive Director of Dutch National Bank responsible for Climate Change

Is the financial sector on the right path?

- Isabelle Mateos y Lago, Managing Director, Blackrock

Open Discussion (Q&A)

17:45 *break*

18:00 The Power of Public Activism [Sir David Madden, St. Antony's, chair]

What the animal welfare movement can contribute to climate action

- Philip Lybery, Global CEO of Compassion in World Farming

Building stakeholder coalitions in a post-Covid world

- Nick Mabey, CEO, E3G

The coordination challenge for non-state initiatives

- Alex Clark, Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment, Oxford

Open Discussion (Q&A)

19:00 Closing remarks [Charles Enoch, European Studies Visiting Fellow, EuPep Project Leader]

19:15 Conference ends

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