

UKNEE Seminar Announcement

3rd in the *UK Network of Environmental Economists 2007* seminar series:

"From theory to practice - Implementing environmental economics in government"

4:30pm for 5pm start

note this is an hour earlier than the usual start time

Thursday 8th November 2007

Room 808, Defra, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR

Nearest tube: Westminster

Does environmental economics make a difference? As the concepts and principles of the field are increasingly applied in Government, it is an opportune time to take stock and ask this question. Tasked with providing the answer, guest speaker **Michael Jacobs** (environmental advisor to the Prime Minister) will present on the topic "From theory to practice - Implementing environmental economics in government." Key areas for discussion include:

- Potential conflicts between what theory recommends and what reality allows;
- It is often claimed that economic analysis is *only one* input to decision-making. What are the others? How are different sources of evidence weighed by decision-makers? What determines what's more important?; and
- In light of climate change and global public goods such as biodiversity, what are the challenges implied by balancing the benefit to the UK (economic or environmental policy) and global benefits?

Guest Speaker

Michael Jacobs is a senior advisor to the Prime Minister specialising in environmental policy and climate change issues. He is an environmental economist, author of *The Green Economy* and *The Politics of the Real World*, and was formerly General Secretary of the Fabian Society and a research fellow at the London School of Economics and the Centre for the Study of Environmental Change, Lancaster University.

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RSVP: Olga Anderson (olga@eftec.co.uk) before the 2nd November 2007

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