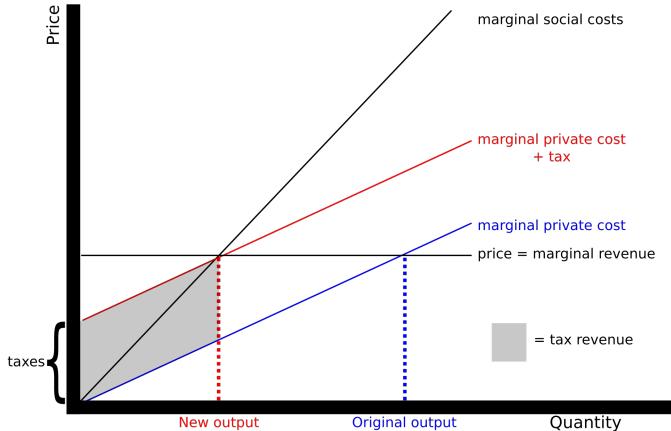


Pigouvian Taxation in the Lab

PCQR Open Lecture



SPEAKER

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Wed. May 20 2015

16:15 – 17:45

VENUE

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ABOUT

Dr. Stephan Kroll (Ph.D. 1999, University of Wyoming) is an associate professor in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at Colorado State University and currently on sabbatical at the WZB Berlin Social Science Center and the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK). He is an environmental and experimental economist with research interests in the design of market institutions and policy tools, the study of public goods and the impact of voting on cooperative behavior, and he has published his research in economics and interdisciplinary journals such as the Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Risk and Uncertainty, Public Choice, Environmental Science and Policy and Journal of Conflict Resolution.

ABSTRACT

The presentation summarizes an on-going research agenda on acceptability and feasibility of environmental policies. This research agenda uses methods from experimental economics, in which human subjects participate in a market with externalities. Subjects vote which policies to implement to correct the externalities. The focus of the presentation is a paper in which Dr. Kroll and his coauthors explore how individual cultural worldviews contribute to any rejection of efficiency-enhancing policies. Results show significant policy aversion, even when the policy unambiguously improves individual outcomes and market efficiency. There is evidence of an underlying aversion to coercive policies, which implies a tradeoff between policy acceptability and policy effectiveness.

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For more about Stephan Kroll, see his user site at <https://sites.google.com/site/stephankroll1/home> and his Google Scholar page at <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=i04K9D4AAAAJ&hl=en>.

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