



# Climate Policy and the Nordics

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### Welcome to the NEPR Conference on Climate Policy and the Nordics, 24 October 2018 in Stockholm

Climate change caused by emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases is one of mankind's key challenges. Taking it on requires global action. The Nordic countries aim to take the lead in this process. To set an example for other countries, policies need to be effective in reducing emissions, cost-efficient, scalable and consistent with international agreements. But are they?

**These questions will be addressed at the NEPR conference held in Stockholm on 24 October 2018. The following six topics will be discussed by invited researchers, experts and policy makers:**

- Are climate policies in the Nordic countries cost-effective?
- What are the global impacts of national climate policy in the Nordic countries?
- To what extent does volatility of solar and wind energy production limit its potential?
- Should new Norwegian oil fields be opened up?
- How can the EU emission-trading system be made an efficient climate policy?
- How can insights from political economy research help design effective international climate agreements?

We invite you to a full day with presentations of recent research, comments by academics and policy makers, and policy discussions. We offer coffee and a light lunch to all participants.

**VENUE:** Aulan, 6th floor of Centralposthuset, Mäster Samuelsgatan 70, Stockholm (Government Offices/Regeringskansliet)

**TIME:** 8.30 - 17.00

# Programme

- 8.30** Registration of participants and coffee
- 09.00 – 09.05** Introduction by Professor Lars Calmfors (Stockholm University and Research Institute of Industrial Economics).
- 9.05 – 9.50** *Are Climate Policies in the Nordic Countries Cost-Effective?* **Bengt Kriström** (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences) and **Björn Carlén** (National Institute of Economic Research, Sweden).  
**Discussants:** Peter Kjaer Kruse Andersen (Danish Economic Council) and Åsa Löfgren (University of Gothenburg).
- 9.50 – 10.35** *Global Impact of National Climate Policy in the Nordic Countries.* **Rolf Golombek** (University of Oslo), **Mads Greaker** (Statistics Norway) and **Michael Hoel** (University of Oslo). **Discussants:** Jacob Møller (Ministry of Energy, Utilities and Climate, Denmark) and Mark Sanctuary (Stockholm School of Economics).
- 10.35 – 11.00** **Coffee Break**
- 11.00 – 11.45** *International Climate Politics in the Post-Paris Era.* **Naghme Nasiritousi** and **Karin Bäckstrand** (Stockholm University). **Discussants:** Åsa Romson (Swedish Environmental Research Institute) and Torben Mideksa (University of Uppsala).
- 11.45 – 12.45** **Lunch**
- 13.00 – 13.45** *Supply-Side Climate Policy in Norway.* **Katinka Kristine Holtmark** (University of Oslo).  
**Discussants:** Klaus Mohn (University of Stavanger) and Thorvaldur Gylfason (University of Iceland).
- 13.45 – 14.30** *Towards a More Efficient European Carbon Market.* **Peter Birch Sørensen** (University of Copenhagen) and **Frederik Silbye** (Danish Council on Climate Change). **Discussants:** Saara Tamminen (Sitra, Finland) and Svante Mandell (National Institute of Economic Research, Sweden).
- 14.30 – 15.00** **Coffee Break**
- 15.00 – 15.45** *A Nordic Green Flexible Energy System: Barriers and Opportunities .* **Poul Erik Morthorst** and **Klaus Skytte** (Technical University of Denmark). **Discussants:** Filip Johnson (Chalmers University, Sweden) and Anna Dahlqvist (National Institute of Economic Research, Sweden).
- 15.45 – 16.45** **Panel Discussion:** *How Can the Nordics Best Contribute to Global Climate Policy?* Svante Axelsson (National Coordinator for a Fossil-Free Sweden), Peter Birch Sørensen (University of Copenhagen) and Martin Ådahl (the Swedish Center Party). The session is moderated by John Hassler (Stockholm University).
- 16.45** Summing up and closing words