Roundtable

Carbon Taxes in Theory and Practice—Experience from around the World

Panelist: Kenneth Richards
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Following nearly three decades of experience with carbon taxes, interest in this policy tool has spiked following the 2015 Paris Agreement. But carbon tax design can be complex. To help, the World Bank commissioned a team from SPEA and the Gnarly Tree Sustainability Institute to develop the Carbon Tax Guide: A Handbook for Policy Makers (https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/10986/26300). Drawing on case studies and theory for this roundtable, Richards will explore and invite discussion of the many design issues that go along with adoption of this powerful climate policy tool.

Kenneth Richards’ research explores environmental policy tools, with particular attention to the interface of theory and practice. He is a professor at the School of Public & Environmental Affairs and is affiliated with the Ostrom Workshop and the Maurer School of Law. He has held several positions in government, including with the Council of Economic Advisers. He did some of the very earliest work on forest carbon economics and offset programs and is currently working with the World Bank on projects related to carbon taxes.

Presentations are open to the public. For questions, contact Allison Sturgeon (sturgeon@iu.edu; 812/855–3151).