

Prof. Colin Price Seminars program

Agripolis Campus DipTeSAF Video-conference Room 2040, 2nd floor; TeSAF Department Via Università 16 – 35020 Legnaro PD 16th-18th May, 2016

A series of seminars targeted to PhD students on some of the most relevant issues of forest economics: economic valuation of ecosystem services, with case studies on cost–benefit analysis of carbon sequestration, of disease damage and of water-related forest investments; the impact of discounting on long term investments; recent development of landscape economics.

16th May; 11.00-13.00

NATURAL RESOURCE ECONOMICS

Is Discounting Sustainable, or if not should sustainability be discounted?

16th May; 14.30-17.00

- Low discount rates and insignificant environmental values.
- From cost-benefit analysis to participatory democracy and back (How democratic
 processes may in some ways reproduce supposed defects of cost-benefit analysis, and in
 other ways may be systematically inferior to cost-benefit analysis)

17th May; 9.00-13.00 FORESTRY ECONOMICS

- Policy-derived Prices and the Death of Classical Forest Economics. Outlining a revolutionary, probably unwanted, but unavoidable consequence of the approach of UK government and others to discounting and carbon pricing.
- Declining Discount Rate and Optimal Forest Rotation
- Risk, discount premiums and rotation

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- New Life for Forest Economics? The CARBBROD Model. How a numerical spreadsheet-based approach can replace the algebraic approach of classical forest economics
- Economic Appraisal of Tree Diseases

18th May; 9.00-13.00

- Cost–benefit analysis of Continuous Cover Forestry
- Forestry and Water Resources: Quantitative Appraisal

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- Certification Premiums and the Valuation of Ecosystem Services
- Landscape Economics at Dawn, and at Midday

More information:

Each seminar will be followed by a discussion with the PhD students
Readings will be provided to the participants and included in the Moodle platform of the LERH PhD program
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