

Voluntary emission reductions and CO₂ offsetting: a theoretical and empirical analysis

Monash Sustainability Institute Seminar - A free public event

Tuesday 23 August

3.30 - 4.30 pm

Lecture Theatre L5 / Building 12

Monash University, Clayton

Presented by: [Professor Andreas Lange](#)
Professor of Economics, University of Hamburg, Germany

In this seminar, Andreas will present a study of the voluntary provision of public goods that are partially driven by a desire to offset for activities that reduce the public good level. In particular, he addresses the interaction between polluting activities and the investments in environmental offsets, such as those that promise CO₂ neutrality.

This seminar will show that offsets allow a reduction in effective pollution levels while extending the polluting activity. The hypotheses are then tested using a novel data set on car users in Germany and the U.S. An increased preference for the environment affects the sequence of reducing the polluting activity vs. increased investments in offsets differently in the two countries: on average, Germans with high preferences for the environment appear to first reduce the polluting activity and then invest in offsets, while the sequence is opposite for respondents from the U.S.

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