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Conference Announcement and Call for Papers

## XXIII ANNUAL BIOECON CONFERENCE ON:

### “Biodiversity, Finance and Economy”

4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022

University of Exeter

United Kingdom

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## Keynote Speakers

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The Scientific Partners of BIOECON are pleased to announce the **Twenty-third International BIOECON Conference** on the theme of **“Biodiversity, Finance and Economy”**. The Conference will be held at the **University of Exeter, UK, on the 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022**. BIOECON XXIII will be of interest to both researchers and policymakers working on issues associated with finance and economics and their impact on biodiversity. Associated with the conference, a **special issue of Ecological Economics** on the biodiversity and finance nexus will be organised to which papers from the BIOECON programme will be encouraged to submit.

Our keynote speakers will be [Dr Eyal Frank](#) (University of Chicago) and [Dr Rachael Garrett](#) (ETH Zurich).

In addition to the conference theme, BIOECON XXIII aims to have parallel sessions on a broad range of topics within the umbrella of biodiversity economics and finance including: the role of biodiversity and ecosystem services in economic development, plant genetic resources and food security issues, deforestation and development, fisheries, institutions and instruments (e.g. Payments for Ecosystem Services), development and conservation, wildlife conservation and endangered species, international trade and regulation and climate change. Further, biodiversity finance, risk assessment and corporate disclosure, corporate governance structure and process, organisational change, valuation and investor behaviour are highly welcomed for submission. For a flavour of previous conferences go to this link <http://www.bioecon-network.org/pages/events-01.html>.

In particular, submissions are invited on the themes of:

- Instruments for conservation in the context of land-use and biodiversity
- Innovative financial mechanisms for conservation
- Evaluation of biodiversity-related policies and programmes
- The use of spatial data to study impacts on biodiversity and conservation programmes
- The conservation and value of crop genetic diversity
- Institutional frameworks for resource conservation (property rights, market instruments etc.)
- The role of behavioural economics in biodiversity conservation policy design
- Experimental (lab and field) approaches to biodiversity and ecosystem service conservation
- Institution-building for provision of global public goods
- Issues of governance and management of natural resources in developing countries
- Development, growth and resource constraints
- Resources management, distribution, development, poverty alleviation.
- Experimental or survey research on the households', investors', or executives' biodiversity preferences or beliefs.

BIOECON also has the goal of influencing policy-makers and policy. To this end **expert policy panels** will be organised. The purpose of these panels will be to bring together practitioners (Government, private sector, NGO) and academics from different disciplines to discuss current policy related issues in biodiversity conservation and environment. The panel sessions will be supported by and contribute to the aims and goals of the funding partners. The precise composition of the Policy Panels is to be announced. The first will focus

Further, we will hold a **pre-conference excursion** for a walk on either Dartmoor National Park, or along the South West Coast Path. This will happen on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Additionally attending this part of the conference is at no extra cost, though you will need to be in Exeter at 9am on the Sunday (see in the Registration section details of the rooms available). You'll also need to ensure that you bring suitable footwear and a raincoat. We hope that this will be a nice environment for those who want to attend to come together before the conference. Similarly, for those who stay on the 6<sup>th</sup> September, we intend to organise a trip to try and look for the recently re-introduced European beavers in the River Otter in the evening.

The Conference will open with a drinks reception (and food) in Exeter (venue TBC) at 6pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Conference sessions will commence on the morning of the 5<sup>th</sup> September and conclude on the afternoon of the 6<sup>th</sup> September. The conference banquet will take place at the University of Exeter Holland Hall Dining Room on the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup> September.

## SUBMISSIONS

Complete papers may be submitted for presentation within the BIOECON Conference and only complete papers will be considered by the Scientific Programme Committee. Electronic copies should be sent to [bioecon@bioecon-network.org](mailto:bioecon@bioecon-network.org) no later than **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022**. Please include Abstract, JEL Codes and Keywords with your submission. Acceptance of papers will be notified by email by **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022**. If you wish to be considered for a **bursary** (details below) please indicate this when you apply. Applying for a bursary will not affect whether your paper is selected (indeed, the paper may be accepted even if we are unable to offer a bursary).

It is also possible to submit 3-4 papers together as a suggested “**special session**” under a theme similar to those indicated above. The Scientific Partners reserve the right to accept papers on an individual basis, so it is possible that even when a session is not accepted, individual papers within the session might be so.

Once again BIOECON XXIII welcomes suggestions for a special **natural sciences** or **interdisciplinary** parallel session to foster more interdisciplinary collaboration with the BIOECON network. Sessions proposed should focus on any aspect of biodiversity conservation and ecosystem services and need not be exclusively focussed on economic methodologies or approaches.

## REGISTRATION

**In-person** attendees will be charged £240 to cover: accommodation (on a B&B basis) on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>; drinks reception drinks on 4<sup>th</sup>; banquet dinner on the 5<sup>th</sup>; lunch and teas and coffees on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Accommodation (on a B&B basis) is also available for the nights of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, at £65/night. The planned excursion is at no additional charge. For presenters who wish to **present virtually** there will be a fee of £100. **Virtual attendees** who are not presenting are welcome to attend free of charge. All other questions regarding fees, registrations and accommodation should be sent to the conference secretariat at [bioecon@bioecon-network.org](mailto:bioecon@bioecon-network.org).

There will be a limited number of **bursaries** made available which will allow some presenters to attend free of charge (though they will NOT cover travel to the conference). These will be directed towards PhD students and early career researchers, and particularly those who are based at institutions in the Global South. As noted above, please indicate if you would like to apply for a bursary when submitting your paper.

**Registration will open on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022.** Registration for all in-person conference attendees, and presenters (whether in person or virtual) is due by **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022**. It may be possible for in-person attendees who are not presenting to register later than this, but such places cannot be guaranteed. Registration for all virtual attendance-only (i.e. not presenting) will be open until the start of the conference.

Further registration details and all other conference information will be provided on the BIOECON web-site at [www.bioecon-network.org](http://www.bioecon-network.org).