CONFERENCE: RE-THINKING THE ECONOMICS OF WATER

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY
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OCTOBER 29-30, 2018
CONFERENCE PROGRAM*

OCTOBER 29

8:30 – 8:45 am Introduction: rethinking the economics of water (Garrick and Hanemann)

8:45 – 10:00 The economics of dams: what would it take to make a new dam economically beneficial – in a developing country, in a developed country? (Jeuland; Olmstead)

10:00 - 10:15 Coffee break

10:15 – 11:45 British water privatisation: past, present and future (Helm; Barker)

11:45 – 1 pm Random controlled trials for sanitation – what have we learned? (Whittington; Kerry Smith leads off discussion)

1:00 – 2:00 pm Lunch

2:00 – 3:15 Poor Payment Behaviours for Rural Water Services (Hope; Whittington leads off discussion)

3:15 – 3:30 Coffee break

3:30 - 4:45 Water Pricing Policy (Grafton; Brozovic leads off discussion)

4:45 – 6:00 The economic impacts of water scarcity and variability (Damania; Hanemann leads off discussion)

7:00 pm Dinner chez Hanemann

OCTOBER 30

8:30 – 8:45 am Introduction: thinking through water markets (Garrick & Hanemann)

8:45 – 10:15 Ushering property rights to water into existence: challenges, strategies and sequencing issues (Young; Larson)

10:15 – 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 – 11:45 How do policies change farmer groundwater use and decision making? (Brozovic; Garrick leads off discussion)

11:45 – 1:00pm Water markets – approaches in Australia and internationally (Wheeler; Libecap leads off discussion)

1:00 -2:00 pm Lunch

The evolution of water markets

2:00 – 2:45 The evolution – and non-evolution – of water markets in California (Hanemann)
2:45 – 3:45 The structure and dynamics of informal water markets (Zhao)

3:45 – 4:00 Coffee break

4:00 - 4:45 Transaction costs and water recovery in the Columbia Basin: institutional and econometric perspectives (Garrick)

4:45 – 5:30 Transactions costs in Colorado water markets (Womble)

5:30 – 6:00 Future research directions

7:00 pm Casual dinner nearby for those staying around

*NOTE: Some of the presentations/papers are co-authored. The name listed is that of the person making the presentation. Each presentation/panel will be followed by a round-table discussion taking up the bulk of the session.
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