

Kiel Young Researcher Conference 2012

Did you know that your research is on Green Growth?

At the Kiel Institute for the World Economy
November 15-16 2012

This young researcher conference invites Postdocs and PhD students to challenge the concept of Green Growth from different angles. There is little specific research on this new buzzword, while many studies indirectly contribute to this topic.

Thus, we ask young researchers to discuss Green Growth against their background while looking beyond the rim of their disciplines and connect with other researchers.

We welcome submissions from relevant fields such as environmental sciences, political science, natural sciences and engineering, sociology, law, ethics, or economics. The focus of the conference is on interdisciplinary cooperation in research on Green Growth.

Speakers include:

Ulrich Hoffmann (UNCTAD) (confirmed)

Mojib Latif (GEOMAR) (confirmed)

Dennis Snower (Kiel Institute) (confirmed)

Nathalie Girouard (OECD) (confirmed)

Jörg Mayer-Ries (BMU) (confirmed)

Program Highlights:

Roundtable Discussion on **Conflicting Views on Green Growth**

Practical Session on **Strategies for research in interdisciplinary teams**

Best Paper Award: 500 EUR

Conference theme

“Green Growth” is a frequently heard buzzword in the research and policy consulting arenas. Researchers from a multitude of disciplines argue that in the face of multiple environmental and socio-economic crises, modern societies will have to redefine their model for economic and societal progress. They postulate a shift away from a relatively exclusive focus on economic growth towards a growth paradigm that takes into account challenges such as resource scarcity, climate change or growing inequalities. This requires a qualitatively different growth model. Several governments have already reacted and see Green Growth as a promising strategy to overcome the shortcomings of the current model.

Due to the novelty and the relative broadness of the Green Growth concept, systematic research on the topic seems scarce at first sight. Yet, extensive research on how to reconcile economic prosperity

and environmental protection has already been done – usually not explicitly under the Green Growth umbrella, but nevertheless relevant for the concept. This young researcher conference aims to serve as a platform for young researchers to challenge the concept of Green Growth from different angles by presenting their work while at the same time attempting a roundup of the scattered research that has been done already.

In particular, but not exclusively, we invite contributions from the following topics:

- Agriculture
- Ecosystems
- Consumer behaviour
- Ecological justice and environmental regulation
- Energy
- International cooperation and governance
- Resource conflicts
- Technology
- Trade (particularly in environmental goods)

Conference format

The conference will provide a platform for dialogue between young researchers from different disciplines on the common theme Green Growth. The 1.5-day conference will be initiated by a key note speech and will feature parallel and plenary sessions based on invited and contributed papers. A **roundtable discussion** by established researchers from different disciplines will find common ground and conflicting views from different fields and provide insights into further research dimensions and directions. In **Parallel Sessions** the contributions of young researchers from various disciplines will be brought together to stimulate an active interdisciplinary exchange. A **“soft skill” session** will help young researchers to improve their strategies for research in interdisciplinary teams.

In addition, a Best Paper Prize will be awarded to the best paper presentation in one of the parallel sessions, based on scientific rigor and originality of presentation.

Paper Submissions

Papers should be submitted by email to GreenGrowthConference@ifw-kiel.de in a doc or pdf file, indicating ‘Green Growth Conference 2012’ in the subject heading. The selection is made on the basis of abstracts of not less than 400 words. Full papers may also be submitted, but the decision will be based primarily on the abstract. Only abstracts and papers written in English or German are accepted. All presentations during the conference will be in English. A limited number of travel grants are available for selected papers. There is no conference fee.

For more information on the conference please refer to http://www.ifw-kiel.de/events-1/2012/young_researcher/kiel-young-researcher-conference-2012. This call is available at http://www.ifw-kiel.de/konfer/2012/young_researcher/call_for_paper.pdf.

Deadlines

The submission deadline for papers is **August 15, 2012**. Notification of acceptance will be sent in early September 2012. The deadline for full papers is September 30, 2012.

Organisers

The conference is co-organised by Dr. Ruth Delzeit, Dr. Dennis Görlich, Katrin Kamin, Linda Kleemann, and Sebastian Petrick (Kiel Institute for the World Economy) and financially supported by the Akademie der Wissenschaften in Hamburg under the Program “Forum junge Wissenschaft”.