Call for Papers for the Special Session on

The role of the State in the climate-finance nexus

organized by Research Area F on Environment-Economy Interactions and Research Area X on Networks

Abstract (max 200 words)

The European integration process has witnessed an increase of both the magnitude and the complexity of the conflicts of interest between economic actors and policy makers in the climate-finance arena. These developments play a key role in the discussion on the role of the state in the climate-finance nexus. While the state could contribute to decrease climate policy uncertainty and investors’ risk perception, several barriers exist, such as the lack of coherence in some countries’ policy agenda and the complexity of their governance. By leveraging on the complementarity between the two research areas, this session will address the following questions:

(i) What role does the state currently play in this process?
(ii) What role could the state play? Should it limit its action to green fiscal incentives or take a more active role by investing all along the green value chain or issuing green bonds?
(iii) How do the current governance structures, vested interests and power relations interact/counteract the role of the state?

Adopting the perspective of network economics, ecological and evolutionary economics, we will identify the conditions, barriers and policy enablers that could facilitate the transition to sustainable and inclusive growth.

The session will host a keynote talk by Prof. Mariana Mazzucato. A selection of contributed papers will be proposed for inclusion in a special issue of a scientific journal (contacts have been set).

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