



BIOdiversity and Economics for CONservation – BIOECON

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14th Annual BIOECON Conference on
Resource Economics, Biodiversity Conservation
and Development

Kings College Cambridge – 18-20th September 2012.

CONFERENCE AND LOGISTICAL DETAILS

1. The Conference Venue

The entire conference will take place within the **historic premises of Kings College** (founded in 1441 by Henry VI). It is one of the 31 colleges in the University of Cambridge and is renowned for its 'backs' overlooking the river Cam as well as its Chapel and choir. If you intend to attend the full conference we advise you to arrive in Cambridge on the 18th as the main Conference proceedings start at 8:45 a.m. on the 19th of Sep. Directions of how to get to Cambridge and to Kings College are provided below. Once you arrive at the main entrance of Kings College please ask the **College porter** to direct you to the **Conference Office** which will be where you can collect your room key as well as any relevant printed information (programme, book of abstracts etc). The Office can also be used to store personal belongings if needed. Please note the following details regarding the scheduling of the event:

2. Tuesday 18th of September – Arrival date

Please go to the Conference office and collect keys. The office will be staffed from 2pm-8pm. Please let us know if you will arrive outside these hours. In this case, you will collect your key from the Porter's lodge located at the main entrance of Kings College. The porters lodge is open 24 hours a day so no need to worry if you are delayed in getting into town.

There are no day activities scheduled for the 18th of September so you may wish to take the opportunity of strolling around the historic city centre. Details of places to visit, restaurants, pubs etc. can be found at: <http://www.cam.ac.uk/cambarea/tourist/>. Details about the history and features of Kings College can be found at: <http://www.kings.cam.ac.uk/visit/index.html>.

Visiting the historic Chapel at Kings: though there is no mass or choir in September you are welcome to visit the Chapel (access is free for conference delegates if you are wearing your conference badge).

A welcome reception will be held in the early evening on the 18th in Kings College (details to be announced). This will be concluded by 7pm so that delegates can stroll into the nearby historic city centre to explore the local restaurants and pubs.

3. Wednesday 19th – Thursday 20th - Main Conference

The scheduling for the two days of the conference is as follows:

DAY 0 TUESDAY 18TH OF SEPTEMBER	DAY 1 WEDNESDAY 19TH OF SEPTEMBER		DAY 2 THURSDAY 20TH OF SEPTEMBER	
ARRIVAL, PICK UP ROOM KEYS - FREE DAY FOR SIGHTSEEING WELCOMING RECEPTION (6-7:30 PM)	7:45-8:45	Breakfast	7:45- 8:45	Breakfast
	8:00-8:45	Late Registration at Conference Office	8:00-8:45	Check out – return keys and store suitcases at Conference Office
	8:45-9:00	Welcome and Announcements	8:45-9:00	Final Announcement
	9:00-10:00	Keynote Adress 1	9:00-10:00	Keynote Adress 2
	10:00-10:30	Coffee	10:00-10:30	Coffee
	10:30-12:30	Parallel Sessions	10:30-12:30	Parallel Sessions
	12:30-13:30	Lunch	12:30-13:30	Lunch
	13:30-15:00	Parallel Sessions	13:30-15:00	Parallel Sessions
	15:00-15:30	Coffee	15:00-15:30	Coffee
	15:30-17:00	Parallel Sessions	15:30-16:30	Parallel Sessions
	17:00-18:30	Plenary Policy session		END OF CONFERENCE
	18:30-19:30	BIOECON Partners meetings		
	19:15-20:00	Pre-dinner drinks		
20:00-22:00	Banquet Dinner			

All **meals** are served in the main dining Hall at Kings. If you have special dietary requirements please inform Ms. Kjeldsen (kristine.kjeldsen@graduateinstitute.ch) before the end of August (those who have done so via the on line payment web-site need not do so again). There is no formal dress code for the conference banquet dinner. Pre-conference drinks will be served at 19:15 (in the Kings courtyard if the weather permits).

The conference venue will also have an **exhibition area** (close to the coffee break location) where delegates are free to pin up posters or display flyers, books, policy reports etc.

4. Scientific programme

The full scientific programme and papers are uploaded on the Conference website at:
http://www.bioecon-network.org/pages/14th_2012.html

Each conference day commences with one **keynote address**. This year's speakers are Professor Jean-Marie Baland (Centre of Research in the Economics of Development, University of Namur, Belgium) and Professor Stefanie Engel (Institute for Environmental Decisions, Department of Environmental Sciences, ETH Zürich, Switzerland).

The scientific programme consists of **parallel sessions** with academic papers. Each paper presented is allocated a 30 minute slot of which 20 minutes are for the presentation by the author, 5 minutes for

comments by the designated discussant and the remaining 5 minutes for other questions, exchanges and comments.

Last but by no means least, the conference programme includes **special policy sessions** that are run by the policy organisations that support BIOECON. The first day of the scientific programme will close with a plenary policy session on “Capturing the Economic values of Ecosystem services in a Developing Country context: Challenges and Options” (organised by UNEP, IUCN, EIB, FEEM, CIES). The scientific programme also includes separate parallel policy sessions by UNEP/WCMC, CSIRO, and IIED. The policy sessions keep with the spirit of the BIOECON network which aims to bring together the academic and policy communities that work on the economics of biodiversity conservation. These sessions aim to critically evaluate current scientific knowledge and identify knowledge gaps that should be filled in order to produce new and improved actionable and effective biodiversity policy recommendations.

5. Instructions for paper presenters, discussants and session chairs.

The seminar rooms will be equipped with a laptop, power projector and screen.

Paper presenters are requested to upload their presentations on the seminar room’s laptop 10 minutes before the start of their session.

Paper discussants: Most (if not all) paper presenters also act as discussant to another paper in their session. Please consult the programme to see if and which papers you are to discuss. Paper discussants are kindly requested to download the paper and prepare your comments. If you have any difficulties in downloading papers please notify Ms. Kjeldsen.

Session chairs: Please consult the programme to see if you are chairing any sessions. If so please promptly proceed to the relevant seminar room and confirm that presenters and discussants are present. Please ensure that all speakers stay within the time limits (time cards will be provided). If there are any IT difficulties during the session please contact the Conference Registration desk. If you are unable to chair the session please inform the organisers as soon as possible.

6. Internet access, printing and other office services support.

Details on how to access Wi-Fi within Kings College will be provided with your welcome pack. Printing facilities and other office support services are limited. Contact conference staff if you need such assistance and we will do our best to help.

7. Travel and local area information

Reaching Cambridge:

From Stansted Airport: The rail station is beneath the airport. Trains run regularly from Stansted to Cambridge and take less than half an hour. For fares and timetable please see: <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>. Once at the Cambridge station, King's College is a short taxi ride away. Alternatively you can take a bus to the city centre (5-10 minutes) and then Kings College is a few minutes walk away (see <http://goo.gl/maps/Z3CO>)

There is also a direct coach service from/to the airport: <http://www.nationalexpress.com/>

From Heathrow Airport: Upon arriving at Heathrow Airport there is a direct coach service from the Central Bus Station to the centre of Cambridge. The Central Bus Station is well signed and coach tickets for all services can be purchased from the Travel Centre in the station. If you prefer to pre-book your ticket, or wish to check timetables or fares, this can be done at www.nationalexpress.com. Coaches leave Heathrow approximately every 30 minutes, and take approximately 2.5 hours to reach Cambridge. Coaches arrive at Cambridge Parkside stop in central Cambridge. King's College is then a short taxi ride away (taxis can be normally found at the bus stop) or alternatively a 20 minute walk. See map for walking path: <http://goo.gl/maps/j62F>

From other airports: Coaches are also available from Gatwick to Cambridge (4 hours) and Luton to Cambridge (1.5 hours). They also arrive at Cambridge Parkside stop

From Central London: Trains are available to Cambridge from Kings Cross Station (approximately 1 hour) and Liverpool St Station (1-1.5 hours). See <http://www.cam.ac.uk/cambarea/trains/> for further details. King's College is a short taxi ride away from the from the train station.

By Road: Local road connections can be found at <http://www.kings.cam.ac.uk/images/general/roadmap1.jpg>

Please note that the College has no parking spaces. The town car parks are a relatively short distance from the College, but do allow extra time for parking since the city is always busy. For details on car parks, see: <http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/parking/index.html>

Taxi from airports:

Especially if you are travelling in groups it may be worth looking into sharing a taxi into Cambridge from the airport you will be landing at. Price and booking details can be found at:

<http://www.airportlynx.co.uk/>
<http://www.autostradacars.co.uk/>
<http://www.panthertaxis.co.uk/>
<http://www.mastercab.co.uk/>

Additional nights accommodation:

If you require additional nights accommodation please contact Kristine Kjeldsen kristine.kjeldsen@graduateinstitute.ch. The costs for additional nights will be at your own expense. There is no guarantee that we can accommodate you at Kings College as the premises are booked for other events all that week. If a room cannot be found you can book a room in another College here <http://www.cambridgerooms.co.uk/> or a hotel room or B&B using the information provided here. <http://www.cambridgebedbreakfasts.co.uk/>
<http://www.accommodation.cam.ac.uk/Info/CentralLocations/>