

Political economics of environmental policy

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Why is a policy the way it is? Political economy – the use of economic models and theory to describe policy issues – has developed over the last decades to become a most active research area. This PhD research is situated in this vast study domain and its objective is to explain specific economic policies in modern democracies. Ovaere explores the capability of interest groups to influence the political process and studies agency problems in delegation games in environmental policy at large, including mobility and energy issues. She focusses on explaining the policy the way it is and contrasts her findings to normative benchmarks.