

# 2018 Henry Schapper Public Lecture

## Acceptability of Environmental Policies in the Lab

March 14<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm – 6:00pm Bayliss Building (G.33 Lecture Theatre)

University of Western Australia

Immediately following the lecture a reception will be held in the Foyer of the Bayliss Building

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### Biography

Stephan Kroll is an economist whose research focuses on the institutional and behavioral components of decision-making, with an emphasis on environmental, resource, and agricultural topics. He uses laboratory experiments, in which human subjects face an incentive system that resembles, on a smaller scale, the incentives from the “real world”. The results of these experiments can provide policy-makers with basic insights on how people behave in response to different policies and in markets, and they advance understanding of individual and group decision-making.

### Abstract

What drives acceptability and feasibility of those environmental policies that are highly appreciated by agricultural and environmental economists, but less so by the general public? This lecture provides an overview of the acceptability of incentive-based policies in markets with externalities. Issues considered include the impact of cultural worldviews, perceptions of specific instruments such as taxes, subsidies, and quantity regulation; and the effect of community experience with a policy on acceptability.

After presenting the main results and their relevance for policy-making, the lecture will outline how this research is relevant for understanding the acceptability of different carbon pricing schemes.

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