

# T16P01 / Audit, Control and Environmental Evaluation of Public Policies

**Topic :** T16 / Sustainable Development and Policy

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## GENERAL OBJECTIVES, RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

Sustainable development is one of the structuring matrix of political action in contemporary societies. It is a repository whose adoption at national and international levels is the result of ecological issues of the moment, which are articulated in a process of emergence of an "idea of ??the environment" that guides international representations to the conservation of natural resources of the planet to be preserved for the benefit of present and future generations. It justifies the idea of ??an eco-development which, since 1972, bears the fruits of modeling a relationship between man and his environment. The constraint of development and industrialization is now structured by the imperative of the protection and conservation of the environment, that places all states in the world in an equilibrium postulate. Therefore, the achievement of environmental and social impact assessments before, during and after became an essential and consubstantial condition for the implementation of public policies.

The aim of this panel is to focus on this new paradigm that represents the environmental evaluation and environmental audit in the implementation of public policies. Without spatio-temporal boundaries and regardless of the subject of analysis (marine and coastal areas, forest policies, public works, sports facilities, private foreign direct investments), proposals of articles or communications shall record the environmental triptych of "Control, Audit and Evaluation" in the agenda setting, decision-making processes, and implementation of national and international public policies and development projects, through the actors that conduct and intervene, their harmonious or conflictual relationships.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

The concepts of environmental impact and environmental performance are recent categories and well-known ideas in both academic and professional milieu. They also became fundamental and core components of the sustainable development, since international arenas (UNDP and all other UN environmental agencies) are imposing them to states and multinational firms as a necessary conditions towards development. Currently, states, firms or companies are more and more aware about the necessity of addressing climate change or environmental obligations to assess their performance, but the tools used (audits and environmental indicators) still pose a number of challenges to be integrated and implemented. So, in which context do these instruments or tools in charge of measuring the environmental performance of public policies appear ? How do they operate ? This panel focuses on issues of environmental impact of public policies and tries to critically analyse the way both environmental Audit and environmental evaluation as well as environmental control are organized and monitored. It will try to answer this question from an analytical framework based on public policy approaches. We call for papers taking seriously into account the concepts and realities or practices of environmental performance , environmental impact and environmental audit in their studies of national and international public policies and development projects. An emphasis will be put on these concepts in a theoretical viewpoint and also in an empirical perspective to address the problems and difficulties they face in their implementation processes.

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## Session 1

Thursday, June 29th 13:30 to 15:30 (Block B 4 - 5)

### **Evaluation of Environmental and Social Development Programs in the Conservation Soil of Mexico City**

Lucia Almeida (Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico )

### **Monitoring energy transformations at the regional level - Enhancing the information basis for regional strategies**

Ralf Schuele (Wuppertal Institute )

### **Political Economic Determinants of Petroleum Subsidies**

Iftikhar Lodhi (Nazarbayev University)

### **Evolution of the ASEAN Way: Approach to Regional Environmental Governance and its Effectiveness**

Maggie Ka Ka Lee (University of Wisconsin)