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Call for papers

Round 1, 2023

Funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union, The Jean Monnet [Centre of Excellence in Trade & Environment](#) is offering a grant, awarded on a competitive basis, for research papers exploring the linkages between trade and environment.

Grantees will be eligible for a payment of up to AUD 7,500. The winning papers will be officially announced through the Institute for International Trade's (IIT) dissemination channels and posted to the COE's website.

Themes and topics

The main theme for this round is the rapidly evolving international discussions concerning establishment of a "climate club", or "clubs", the associated implications for addressing carbon leakage, and the implications this holds for international trade. This large topic traverses several disciplinary domains from international political economy, through economics and law, to business subjects. Potential topics include:

- The purposes, design of, and prospects for a carbon club anchored on the G7, now including Australia. Is a carbon "club" the right framing? Is carbon leakage sufficiently serious to warrant establishment of a climate club, or clubs?
- What could Australia gain from joining the G7's carbon club? What does it stand to lose?
- How might Australia's neighbours respond to Australia joining the G7 carbon club? How might they be impacted, both positively and/or negatively? What are their response options?
- Which sectors might be most impacted by the successful establishment of a G7 carbon club, including Australia? What kinds of impacts should we expect, and with what implications for these sectors?

Australia is in the early stages of designing a "Border Carbon Adjustment" (BCA) tax to minimise potential carbon leakages associated with its recent revisions to the emissions Safeguard Mechanism, under which the top 215 heavy industry facilities' carbon emissions are regulated.

Potential related topics include:

- Considering international experience with BCA design, what are the major issues the Australian BCA must confront? How could these best be resolved?
- How might this BCA impact different Safeguard mechanism sectors and facilities, and with what implications for Australia's green transition?
- How should the potential concerns of Australia's Asia-Pacific trading partners be accommodated in the BCA's design – particularly least developed countries? How might they respond, and with what implications for Australia's regional/bilateral trading relationships?

Consideration will also be given to papers that address the trade policy implications of the ongoing drive to build sustainability into supply chains. We would particularly welcome proposals that address these issues:

The potential trade impacts on developing countries of the European Union's forthcoming adoption of its Due Diligence Supply Chain Directive.

Combatting illegal wildlife trade in ways that are minimally trade-distorting.

Similarly, combatting illegal timber trade in ways that are minimally trade-distorting.

If you think you have an interesting topic that doesn't quite fit with the guidance above and wish to seek clarity, please email Professor Peter Draper: peter.draper@adelaide.edu.au

Eligibility

- PhD and PhD-equivalent Students, Young Professionals, and Early Career Researchers. The author(s) of the paper should possess or be engaged in the process of gaining a PhD or PhD-equivalent degree, be a young professional or a researcher at an early stage of their career.
- Applicants will be asked to provide a statement from their supervisor or a senior colleague to establish that this condition is met.
- In the case of co-authored papers, this requirement shall apply to at least one author.

Proposals, not exceeding 800 words and containing a brief abstract, should adhere to the following guidelines:

- The proposal should be a separate attachment in PDF format.
- Separate CV(s) of the proposed author(s) must be provided and include (i) current affiliation(s), (ii) where relevant the academic institution awarding the PhD, (iii) where relevant the year (or the expected year) of the PhD.
- A separate supporting letter from a supervisor or senior colleague must be provided.

Deadline September 22, 2023

Submissions

Email submissions to sarah.warner@adelaide.edu.au

Information for applicants

- In the case of a co-authored paper, the grant will be equally divided among the authors.
- Only the author(s) of short-listed essays will be notified.
- Essays cannot exceed 10,000 words and must follow the IIT's style guide, which will be provided to successful applicants.
- Papers submitted must not yet be published elsewhere (for example, in a book or journal, including an online journal, or a working papers series), nor yet submitted for publication.
- Grantees will receive a certificate and commendation to the effect that they are a winner of the award.
- Noting this award when the paper is published in any subsequent format will be required.
- Grantees may also be invited to present their work at COE events, either in-person or online.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to withhold the awards should the papers not meet potential PhD equivalent academic quality requirements and/or address the CoE topics, as set out above.

Publication

- The winning papers will be published as CoE Working Papers, within the broader Institute for International Trade [Working Papers](#) series and the COE's website.
- Author(s) will endeavour to secure additional publication of the contribution in a journal, book or some other recognised academic outlet.
- It is a requirement that all research outputs resulting from the Research Grant are disseminated and must acknowledge to the public, press and media the funding support from the Erasmus + Program of the European Union. All research outputs must incorporate the logo that will be provided to you, along with the following disclaimer:

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About the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in Trade and Environment

Funded under the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union, the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in Trade & Environment gathers leading academics from across The University of Adelaide with expertise in European Studies, including international trade, environment, business, entrepreneurship, and international relations to create a focal point of competence and knowledge on the European Union in the context of trade and environment.

This innovative centre leverages existing expertise, activities, and networks across the institution to conduct cutting-edge research that seeks to understand and inform the development of environmentally friendly trade and investment policy across the European Union and Asia Pacific. The Centre's trans-disciplinary approach enables coverage of a wide variety of regulatory issues related to trade and environment and development of research resources and capabilities with broad relevance and application across the institution and beyond campus. Specific objectives include:

- Promoting research excellence in the field of EU studies
- Fostering dialogue between the academic world and society
- Generating knowledge and insights in support of EU policymaking and strengthening the role of the EU within a globalised world
- Reaching out to a wider public and spreading knowledge about the EU to wider society through the implementation of a suite of coherent and strategic research and outreach activities



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