

Inspiring Conference: Decision-making under uncertainty in practice

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organized in honor of Prof. Louis EECKHOUDT

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Uncertainty is pervasive and plays a major role in decision-making. Whether agents pursuing individual goals, or policymakers pursuing social objectives, decision-makers rarely know what the relevant states of the world are. To celebrate the launch of iRisk, its new research center, IÉSEG School of Management will organize an inspiring conference on the theme: «**Decision-making under uncertainty in practice**».

The inspiring conference will be organized as a high-level panel discussion with four leading experts from the industry, policymaking, and academic community and will promote dialogs between theory and practice.

The conference will be broadcasted live on YouTube. Please note that the opportunity to engage in the conversation is only available to those attending the event on site.

12.30 *Lunch (optional)* [room A022]

13.30-13.35 **Welcome address: Inspiring Conferences (Caroline Roussel, Dean of IÉSEG School of Management)** [room B050]

13.35-14.35 **Panel discussion: Making decisions in an uncertain world**

14.35-14.45 **Open discussion**

Panelists:



Mathias DEWATRIPONT is a distinguished, and broad, economic theorist. He has been instrumental in the development of contract theory, and its applications to a large variety of topics. Mathias holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard University (1986) and since 1990, he has been a Professor of Economics at Université libre de Bruxelles. As a fellow of the Econometric Society, he was appointed President of the European Economic Association in 2005 and became a founding member of the Scientific Council of the ERC. He is a member of the Académie Royale De Belgique and Foreign Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Science. Mathias also served as the Executive Director of the National Bank of Belgium between 2011 and 2017, being its representative to the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and the Supervisory Board of the European Central Bank. During the last two years, Mathias also participated in different management and exit strategy expert groups which are responsible for monitoring the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic and provide an evaluation of the Belgian government's strategy. Mathias has published widely in the areas of contract theory, organization economics, and banking and finance.

Christian GOLLIER is a Professor of Economics at the Toulouse School of Economics and an internationally renowned researcher in decision theory under uncertainty and its applications in climate economics, finance, and cost-benefit analysis. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Catholic University of Louvain and is a fellow of the Econometric Society. His 2001 MIT book "The Economics of Risk and Time" won the 2001 Paul A. Samuelson Award. Together with Jean Tirole, he founded the Toulouse School of Economics, where since 2017, he serves as director in his second term (after his previous term from 2009 to 2015). Among others, Christian is also an author of the 4th and 5th reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. In addition, he regularly advises several governments on their public investment evaluation policies. In 2020, Christian was asked to lead the climate change component of the Commission of Experts on the Great Economic Challenges set up by President Macron. The work of the commission led to the production of a detailed report drawing recommendations to make economic policies more effective in responding to three long-term structural challenges. Christian's recent book for the general public, "Le Climat après la fin du mois" (PUF 2019), deals with the importance of taking action in the face of climate change and has been a great success in France.



Gilles MOËC is the AXA Group Chief Economist and AXA IM Head of Research since June 2019. He also oversees Responsible Investment activities pertaining to research, thought leadership, engagement and active ownership since September 2020. Gilles graduated from Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris in 1991. Between 1994 and 2006, he held several positions in the French civil service, at the national statistical institute (INSEE) and the central bank - notably as head of the International Economics Division of Banque de France. In 2006, he was appointed Senior European Economist at the Bank of America, before becoming Chief European economist of Deutsche Bank in 2009. From 2014 to 2019, he held the position of Chief European Economist at the Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Vicky POLLARD (TBC) acts as Unit and Deputy Head of the “Foresight, Economic Analysis & Modelling” unit at the DG Climate Action of the European Commission since September 2019. Previously, she was the Environment and Climate Counsellor of the EU delegation to China and Mongolia. She has contributed to various topics concerning climate change for the Commission since 2006, covering international negotiations, relations with the US and other OECD countries, as well as domestic policy. Before 2014, she was the Deputy Head of Unit for the implementation of the EU ETS. She joined the European Commission in 2004 and worked on both the EU Lisbon Strategy and the review of the EU Sustainable Development Strategy. Prior to this, she advanced environmental policies as a consultant, Chief executive of the European Wind Energy Association and as an economist in the UK Government and Environment Agency.



Moderator



Thibault LIEURADE heads the section Economics + Business at The Conversation France. A graduate of ESCP Europe and Grenoble Ecole de Management, Thibault Lieurade is a journalist and editorial consultant specializing in economics and management. Before joining The Conversation, he worked in several national newsrooms, including France 24 and the web TV Xerfi Canal.