

ECF Annual Conference

Integrated Risk Governance in the Mediterranean Region: Climate Change, Democracy, and Growth

Barcelona, April 28–29, 2011

*A conference organized by the European Climate Forum (ECF)
on behalf of the CIRCE project and the GSDP network*

Venue: Casa Convalescència, UBA, Sant Antoni M^a Claret, 171, Barcelona

Information for participants



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How to get to the venue

/ The fastest way of getting there from the airport is by taxi.

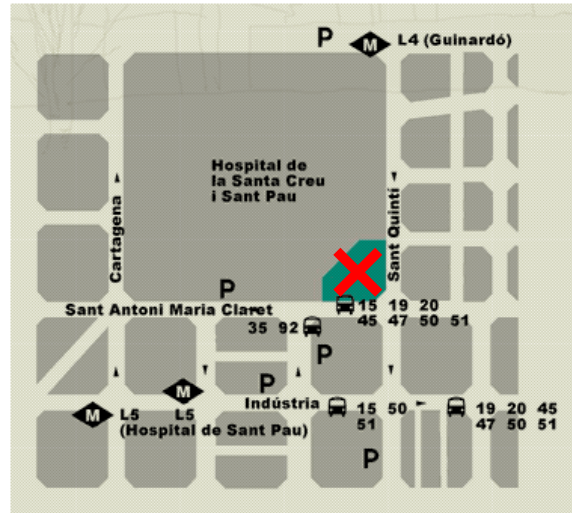
/ If you use public transport from the airport you can simply take the *train RENFE* until *Sants Estació* (grey line), and then change to get the metro *L5* (blue line) direction *Horta*. Then you must get out at *Hospital St. Pau* metro station, walk up (looking towards the 'mountains') one street to *St. Maria Antoni Claret* and then turn right till you get to *St. Quintí* and see the building of the picture here (5 minutes walk from the metro station).

/ *Casa de la Convalescència*

/ *Sant Antoni M^a Claret, 171*

/ *Barcelona*

/ The hotels *Amrey Sant Pau* and *Ayre Hotel Rosellón* – where most of you are staying – are in walking distance from the venue. From *Ayre Hotel Rosellón* you can also take a one-stop ride with the metro from *Sagrada Família* to *Hospital St. Pau* Metro Station.



Conference Venue: *Casa de la Convalescència*



Hotels

Hotel Amrey Sant Pau

Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 173

<http://www.amrey-hotels.com/hotelsantpau/home.php?lang=EN&c=1>

/ *The Hotel Amrey Sant Pau* is located in *Sant Antoni Maria Claret Street*, a few minutes from the *Sagrada Família* and in front of the *Sant Pau Hospital*, and with perfect inter-urban communication by the public transport network, bus and underground.

/ A taxi from the airport to the hotel should cost about 35 Euros and take about 30-45 minutes depending on traffic.

/ To get by public transport, take the airport train to *Sants-Estació*. There change to get the metro blue line direction *Horta*. Get out at *St. Pau* Metro Station (six stops) and walk up (looking towards the ‘mountains’) one street to *St. Maria Antoni Claret* and then walk right three streets till you get to *St. Quintí* and see the hotel in the corner. The venue is just in front of it.

Hotel Ayre Rosellón

Carrer del Rosselló 390

<http://www.ayrehoteles.com/en/hotels/ayre-hotel-rosellon-barcelona/the-hotel/home/>

/ A taxi from the airport to the hotel should cost about 35 Euros and take about 30-45 minutes depending on traffic.

/ To get by public transport, take the airport train to *Sants-Estació*. There change to get the metro blue line direction *Horta*. Get out at *Sagrada Família* Metro Station (five stops) and walk up (looking towards the ‘mountains’) one street toward *Roselló* and it’s on the left.

/ To get to the venue just walk up the *Gaudí Avenue* till you get to the end (you’ll see the modernist building *Hospital de Sant Pau*), turn right to *Antoni Maria Claret* and walk three streets to the venue (about 15 minutes).

/ You may also take the Metro from *Sagrada Família* to *Hospital St. Pau* Metro Station – it’s one stop.

The Conference

/ On the southern shores of the Mediterranean, the Arab spring of 2011 has created opportunities for win-win strategies to tackle social, economic, and environmental challenges with a perspective of sustainable development. On the other hand it has also led to the possibility of risk cascades that can only be avoided by developing and using new methods of risk management and governance. On the northern shores, the global financial crisis has left wounds that will not heal easily. Across the Mediterranean, developing new levels of cooperation has become a fascinating and daunting task. With respect to the climate challenge it seems obvious that all Mediterranean shores would profit from enhanced cooperation.

/ In the CIRCE project, methods of Bayesian Risk Management have been elaborated in view of the uncertainties involved in climate change and climate policy. These methods shall help practitioners and scholars to improve their assessment of what to expect and what to do. In this spirit, we will look at the tasks of risk governance in the Mediterranean region. We will start from climate risks and climate policies, while acknowledging that these cannot be dealt with in isolation.

/ The conference will explore this situation through a combination of short inputs, structured debates, and practical exercises. On the basis of the conference, a paper on the state of the art in risk and resilience in times of globalization will be produced, taking lessons from the Mediterranean region.

Structure

/ The two-day conference is structured through 4 panel discussions and 3 working group sessions. Thereby, we focus on what practitioners interested in the Mediterranean region can learn about options such as the Desertec concept, reforestation schemes, and Bayesian Risk Management.

/ Panel discussion

/ Each panel will host 2-3 experts and one moderator. After a short introductory statement of each panellist a discussion through the outlined topics will follow. The audience is welcome to participate with questions and statements.

/ Working group session

/ For the working group sessions the participants will join 3-4 working groups. The working group assignments will be given during the conference. Each working group will start with a short input by the moderator; the discussion in the group should take stock of key insights as well as controversial issues of the given topic. Their results will be presented in a joint poster session on the second day of the conference.

About CIRCE

/ CIRCE is an FP6 supported project aiming at developing for the first time an assessment of the climate change impacts in the Mediterranean area. The objectives of the project are:

- / to predict and to quantify physical impacts of climate change in the Mediterranean area;*
- / to evaluate the consequences of climate change for the society and the economy of the populations located in the Mediterranean area;*
- / to develop an integrated approach to understand combined effects of climate change; to identify adaptation and mitigation strategies in collaboration with regional stakeholders.*

/ CIRCE wants to understand and to explain how climate will change in the Mediterranean area. The economic and social consequences of climate change shall be evaluated by analysing direct impacts on migration, tourism and energy markets together with indirect impacts on the economic system.

/ CIRCE will moreover investigate the consequences on agriculture, forests and ecosystems, human health and air quality. The variability of extreme events in the future scenario and their impacts will be assessed. A rigorous common framework, including a set of quantitative indicators developed specifically for the Mediterranean environment will be developed and used in collaboration with regional stakeholders. The results will be incorporated in a decision support system tool and disseminated to the relevant users. Possible adaptation and mitigation strategies will be identified.

/ CIRCE brings together the natural sciences community and social community in a new integrated and comprehensive way.

/ For further information please see:
<http://www.circeproject.eu>

About GSDP

/ Global Systems Dynamics and Policy is an FP7 funded coordination action to develop a research program for the study of global systems in an ongoing dialogue with decision makers. The project started in October 2010 and will continue until October 2013.

/ GSDP will operate as an open network evolving through workshops, working papers, publications, and open conferences. It will consolidate an international community of researchers engaged in dialogues with decision-makers, and will generate a variety of research and consultancy projects in Europe and elsewhere.

/ For further information please see:
<http://www.gsdp.eu>

About ECF

/ The European Climate Forum was founded in September 2001 by seven research institutes under the lead of Prof. Carlo Jaeger and Prof. Klaus Hasselmann. ECF is a platform for joint studies and science-based stakeholder dialogue on climatic change. The aim is to provide arguments for long-term climate mitigation and adaptation policies towards a sustainable development path.

/ For further information please see:
<http://www.european-climate-forum.net>

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Workshop agenda

**Thursday,
April 28, 2011**

<i>/ Time</i>	<i>Session</i>
<i>/ 12:00 – 12:30</i>	Welcome reception
<i>/ 12:30 – 12:45</i>	Introduction <i>Carlo Jaeger</i>
<i>/ 12:45 – 13:30</i>	Panel discussion: Climate risks and uncertainties <i>Alan AtKisson, Ilan Chabay, Armin Haas; Moderation: Gerd Leipold</i>
<i>/ 13:30 – 14:30</i>	Lunch
<i>/ 14:30 – 14:45</i>	Assignments for the working groups <i>Diana Mangalagiu</i>
<i>/ 14:45 – 16:15</i>	Working groups session I: Mediterranean perspectives a) Democratic challenges <i>David Tàbara</i> b) Economic options <i>Antoine Mandel</i> c) Climate impacts <i>Klaus Hasselmann</i>
<i>/ 16:15 – 16:45</i>	Coffee Break
<i>/ 16:45 – 18:15</i>	Working groups session II: Problems and methods a) Non-violence <i>L. Jamila Haider</i> b) Resilience <i>Diana Mangalagiu</i> c) Bayesian risk management <i>Armin Haas</i>
<i>/ 18:15 – 19:30</i>	Panel discussion: New options in mitigation <i>Sebastian Gallehr, Peter Höppe, Mouldi Miled; Moderation: Salvador Samitier Martí</i>
<i>/ 20:00 – open end</i>	Dinner at <i>Casa Convalescència</i>

**Friday,
April 29, 2011**

<i>/ Time</i>	<i>Session</i>
<i>/ 9:00 – 10:00</i>	Panel discussion: Adaptation and reforestation <i>Millán M. Millán, Marc Palahi, Ramon Vallejo; Moderation: Areti Kontogianni</i>
<i>/ 10:00 – 11:30</i>	Working group session III: Towards solutions a) Migration and social tensions <i>Michalis Skourtos</i> b) Reforestation <i>Alba Cabañas tbc</i> c) Renewables <i>Peter Schmidt</i>
<i>/ 11:30 – 12:00</i>	Coffee Break
<i>/ 12:00 – 13:15</i>	Working group synthesis <i>Diana Mangalagiu</i>
<i>/ 13:15 – 14:00</i>	Drinks and sandwiches
<i>/ 14:00 – 15:15</i>	Panel discussion: Trans-Mediterranean cooperation <i>Bahija Mghari, Carlo Giupponi, Jürgen Scheffran; Moderation: Louis Lemkow tbc</i>
<i>/ 15:15 – 15:30</i>	Conclusion <i>Carlo Jaeger</i>
<i>/ 15:30</i>	End of formal meeting
<i>/ 16:00 – 17:30</i>	Informal editing session in view of possible publications

Information on the city of Barcelona

/ The different styles of buildings, world-famous museums, inviting parks and squares and many other sites will make Barcelona one of the most important cultural capitals of Spain and further afield. The different areas of Barcelona are an expression of history and present of Barcelona.

/ The area around the *Plaça Catalunya* makes up the city's historical centre and, alongside the upper half of *Avinguda Diagonal*, is the main commercial area of the city.

/ The *Barri Gòtic* („Gothic Quarter“) is the centre of the old city of Barcelona.

/ The *Sagrada Família* is a massive, privately-funded Roman Catholic church that has been under construction since 1882 and is not expected to be complete until at least 2026. It was designed by Antoni Gaudí (1852–1926).

/ Of Barcelona's parks, *Montjuïc* is the largest, with 203 ha located on the mountain of the same name.

/ *More places of interest:*

/ *Parque Güell*

/ *Cathedral of Barcelona*

/ *La Pedrera (Casa Milà)*

/ *Las Ramblas*

/ *If you have more time to spend in Barcelona see:*

<http://barcelona.de/en/>

Weather in April

/ From March onwards the weather begins to warm up and is certainly more sunny but it is advisable to wear either a warm sweater, jacket or coat. In April the average maximum temperature is 63°F/17°C and the average minimum temperature is 46°F/8°C.

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