

## ***'Learning by Doing' in Global Carbon Markets: Making a Virtue of Vice***

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### **Call for Papers**

Learning by doing (LBD) has been a familiar refrain in the development of the EU's climate change policy, especially its emissions trading scheme (ETS). Initially deployed to describe an interim period of experimentation, with the ongoing ineffectiveness of European climate policy the term risks being used to mask policy failings, making a virtue of vice by deferring the delivery of a successful climate change policy.

This one-day workshop seeks to explore the concept of LBD in a thoroughgoing fashion, and consider its implication for climate governance in the EU and beyond. Abstracts and papers may be prompted by, but need not be limited to, the below:

- Has the European Commission used LBD in a manner consistent with Kenneth Arrow's pathbreaking formulation? Does the term retain its analytical power?
- How has the EU's experience of ETS affected the legal design of its climate change policy? Has it learnt from its own experiences?
- Do the proliferation of ETS (i.e. in China, Japan, S Korea) and their legal design models support the EU's mode of LBD?
- Have other polities learnt from the EU's 'doing'?
- Considering emerging arenas of climate policy, is there scope for European learning from the newer schemes?
- Can LBD be considered a tool of comparative law, analogous to the notion of 'legal transplants'? Can the two voluminous literatures engage with one another? Does LBD shape the life of legal transplants?

Please send abstracts of around 250 words to [globalcarbonmarkets@gmail.com](mailto:globalcarbonmarkets@gmail.com) by 17 April 2015. Papers are particular welcomed from early career researchers. Please direct queries to [n.ghaleigh@ed.ac.uk](mailto:n.ghaleigh@ed.ac.uk).

Draft papers will be expected by 22 May 2015 for circulation to workshop participants. Limited funding is available to support accommodation and travel.

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