



Greetings from the President

Dear friends and colleagues,

It is a profound honor to serve the Asian Association of Environmental and Resource Economics (AAERE) and to address our distinguished members and the broader scholarly community.

Our discipline emerged as a critical response to the environmental pressures of economic growth. Today, we face an even more complex landscape of global and regional challenges. Climate change and biodiversity loss remain at the forefront, now deeply intertwined with energy security and sustainability transitions. Volatile energy markets, geopolitical tensions, and unequal exposure to environmental risks underscore the urgent need for rigorous economic analysis—one that bridges environmental objectives with economic resilience and social welfare.

In this evolving context, AAERE's role is more vital than ever. Since its inception, our Association has become a vibrant platform connecting scholars across Asia and beyond. As we enter this new phase, our focus must shift toward institutional depth and consolidation. Strengthening academic standards, enhancing transparency, and ensuring continuity across leadership terms will be my central priorities.

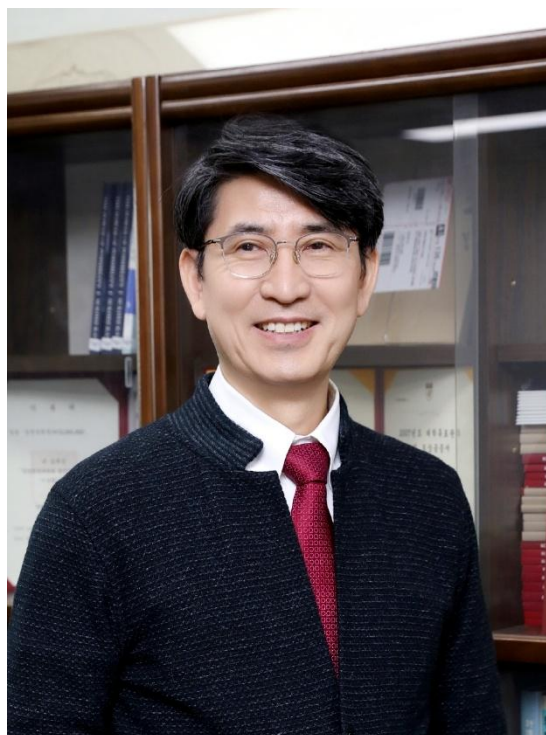
Drawing inspiration from long-established international associations, AAERE aims to further enhance our conferences, research networks, and support for early-career researchers. We remain committed to embracing the diverse institutional and energy contexts that define the Asian region.

Moving forward, AAERE will continue to foster research that informs public debate and policy design without compromising academic independence. Our goal is not to advocate for a single policy stance, but to provide a credible, rigorous forum where evidence-based analysis can address the pressing challenges of our time.

This Association is built by its members. I warmly invite your continued participation and collaboration as AAERE evolves into an increasingly mature and globally connected academic community.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to AAERE.

Sincerely,
Professor Yongsung Cho
President, AAERE



The 14th Congress of the Asian Association of Environmental and Resource Economics



The 14th Congress of the Asian Association of Environmental and Resource Economics (AAERE) was held at Renmin University of China, Beijing, China, from August 26 to 27, 2025. This Congress, which was organized in a hybrid format, brought together scholars, practitioners, and policymakers from around the world to address pressing environmental and resource economics challenges. The congress website is <https://aaere2025.github.io/cfp.html>

AAERE Conference serves as a premier academic forum for scholars specializing in environmental and resource economics across Asia. AAERE 2025 centered on pressing environmental and resource policy challenges within the framework of sustainable development. The conference convened over 150 researchers and policymakers from more than 50 academic and research institutions across 20 countries—including China, Japan, South Korea, the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, India, Nepal, Australia, the United States, Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia, Norway, France, Germany, the United Kingdom, and Italy. Under the theme “Enhancing Economic and Ecological Resilience in the Context of Climate Change: Challenges and Opportunities for Asia,” participants engage in rigorous scholarly dialogue on key contemporary issues, including environmental governance, equitable natural resource allocation, pathways to carbon neutrality, and green industrial transformation policies. Furthermore, the conference fosters regional collaboration by

advancing cross-border knowledge exchange, methodological alignment, and evidence-informed policy development in environmental and resource economics across Asia.

AAERE 2025 received extensive attention from the academic communities both at home and abroad, and collected over 200 abstracts of research articles. It set up 16 parallel forums with a total of 69 presentations, 3 special forums with a total of 12 presentations, and 9 poster sessions. The online and offline sessions of the conference were all lively, and the participating experts and scholars actively interacted, jointly enjoying the academic feast.

On the morning of August 26th, the opening ceremony was presided over by Professor Yazhen Gong, the director of the International Cooperation and Exchange Center of the School of Environment and Ecology at Renmin University of China, the Vice President of AAERE, and the Vice Chair of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC). The AAERE president, Professor Ken-Ichi Akao from Waseda University in Japan, and the vice president of the School of Environment and Ecology at Renmin University of China, Professor Ke Wang, attended and delivered speeches. Meanwhile, the AAERE Fellow Award was given to Professor Shiqiu Zhang from the School of Environmental Science and Engineering at Peking University.

In section of the keynote presentation, three professors delivered speeches respectively. Professor Jinhua Zhao, the dean of the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management at Cornell University, delivered the keynote speech titled “Ambient Air Pollution, Pollution Exposure, and Inattention”. The team selected Shenyang, where air pollution is particularly typical during the winter heating period, as the research area. Through randomized controlled trials combined with daily activity tracking, they systematically studied the effectiveness of public protection behaviors under air pollution and the impact of pollution exposure on attention.

Professor Shiqiu Zhang delivered a keynote speech titled “Integrating Environmental Economic Analysis into Policy Making for Sustainable Air Quality Management: Studies from the People’s Republic of China”. The research utilized cost-benefit analysis and value assessment analysis methods to calculate and verify the health and economic benefits of pollution control, explored the potential benefits brought by stricter environmental standards, and proposed that the concept of environmental economic analysis should be integrated and applied into the process of environmental policy formulation.

Researcher Chaozhong Ge, the chief scientist of the Environmental Planning Institute of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment, delivered a speech titled “Development of Environmental Economic Policies in China: Analysis Based on Five-Year Plans”. It was recommended that China jointly promote from aspects such as carbon pricing mechanisms, digital transformation of ecological compensation, innovation of transformation financial tools, upgrading of green fiscal and taxation systems, and improvement of implementation guarantee mechanisms for the coming environmental economic policies.

In the section of the parallel sessions, 67 experts, scholars and students from 46 domestic and foreign universities and research institutions, including Renmin University of China, Peking University, Cornell University in the United States, Monash University in Australia, Waseda University, University of Tokyo, Kyoto University, Kobe University, and National Institute for Environmental Studies in Japan, Seoul National University, and Ewha Womans University in South Korea, and the International Center for Mountain Research and Development of Nepal, presented their researches and engaged in discussions on 16 parallel sessions

covering various topics such as “Economic Policies for Carbon Neutrality and Green Transformation”, “Environmental Governance and Institutional Design”, “Sustainable Utilization of Natural Resources and Economic Incentive Mechanisms”, “Climate Change and Regional Cooperation”, “Trade, Investment and Environmental Impact”, “Comparative Studies on Urban and Rural Environmental Management”, and “Water Resources Allocation and Evaluation of Ecosystem Service Value”.

The three thematic sessions focused on topics “Integrating Electric Vehicles and Energy-Saving Strategies for a Low-Carbon Society”, “ASEAN-Japan Collaboration on Decarbonization Policy Design”, and “Multilateral Frameworks for Nuclear Safety Collaboration in East Asia”. These discussions were conducted by 19 experts and scholars from domestic and foreign universities and research institutions, including Renmin University of China, Peking University, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, Tianjin Commercial University, Sapporo University, Meijo University, Nagasaki University, Ryukoku University, Kyoto University, Hiroshima Shudo University, Ritsumeikan University, and Nagoya University of Commerce and Business in Japan, and the World Bank, and ASEAN and East Asia Economic Research Institute.

In the closing ceremony. The President of AAERE 2025, Professor Kenichi Akao, and Professor Jun Pang, the dean of the School of Environmental Sciences at Renmin University of China, delivered speeches and jointly presented the award for the best poster of this conference to Kimihiro Horinouchi and Sachie Iijima from Soka University in Japan (see the column below).

Ultimately, the AAERE 2025 Congress reaffirmed the necessity of joint efforts to confront pressing environmental and natural resource issues. Through the gathering of diverse scholars, experts, and stakeholders and the promotion of substantive dialogue, it enriched academic discourse and delivered valuable, implementable guidance for policymakers and practitioners committed to building sustainable and resilient societies in Asia and beyond.

Professor Yazhen Gong
Director of the International Cooperation and
Exchange Center of the School of Environment and
Ecology at Renmin University of China
Vice President of AAERE
Vice Chair of the AAERE 2025 LOC



Keynote speaker Professor Jinhua Zhao (left), introduced by Professor Yazhen Gong (right)



Keynote speaker, Professor Shiqiu Zhang



Keynote speaker, Professor Chazhong Ge



Professor Ken-Ichi Akao, President



Professor Yazhen Gong, Vice President

Best Poster Award @AAERE 2025



Thank you very much for the Best Poster Award. I am truly grateful for receiving this wonderful award. I owe it entirely to my peers and seniors who worked on this research with me, as well as to the guidance of Professor Chonabayashi. This research would not have been possible without the cooperation of everyone at the university. I was only able to receive this award thanks to the support and cooperation of so many people, and for that I am truly grateful. Thank you very much.

Kimihiro Horinouchi

3rd year undergraduate student, Faculty of Economics, Soka University

I am honored to have had the valuable opportunity to participate in the poster session at the AAERE annual conference and to have received the Best Poster Award. I am filled with gratitude to Professor Chonabayashi, my seminar students, and everyone who was involved. I hope to continue contributing to the promotion of the SDGs at Soka University and in society.

Sachie Iijima

3rd year undergraduate student, Faculty of Economics, Soka University

Roundtable Meeting @AAERE 2025

On the afternoon of August 27th, a roundtable meeting on climate and energy was held. The main discussions focused on topics such as climate risks, the synergy between energy and meteorology, the carbon neutral technology system, and international actions. Through integrating scientific, economic, and governance perspectives, the meeting aimed to promote the exploration and practice of innovative solutions to climate and energy issues. The climate and energy roundtable meeting was chaired by Professor Xiaojia He from the School of Environmental Sciences at Renmin University of China. Professors Tong Jiang from the Nanjing University of Information Science and Technology and Xiu Yang from the Research Department of the Institute of Climate Change and Sustainable Development at Tsinghua University delivered speeches titled “Research on Key Technologies for Energy-Meteorology Coupling in the Adaptation to the Development of New Power Systems” and “Energy Transition Pathways under Carbon Neutrality”, respectively.



Group photo after the opening ceremony



Thematic Session



Registration



Parallel Sessions

AAERE 2025 Local Organizing Committee at School of Ecology & Environment, Renmin University of China

Co-Chairs: Wang Ke, Vice Dean
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AAERE Online Supplementary Parallel Sessions

The AAERE Online Supplementary Parallel Sessions were convened on the afternoon of August 27, from 14:00 to 17:00 (Beijing Time). These virtual sessions were designed to provide an inclusive platform for researchers who were unable to travel to the AAERE 2025 Congress and participate in person. Over the course of the three-hour program, 17 papers were presented, reflecting a diverse range of perspectives and methodological approaches across environmental and resource economics. Despite the online format, the sessions were highly interactive, with active engagement among presenters, discussants, and audience members. Discussions were organized around four thematic areas that represent core challenges in the field today:

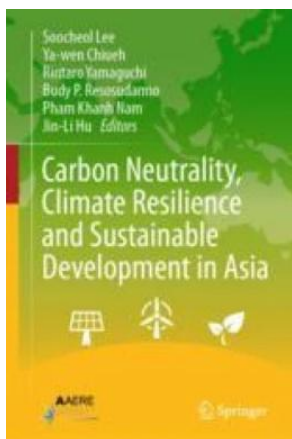
1. **Climate Change**
2. **Energy and Disasters**
3. **Environmental Policy**
4. **Sustainable Development**

Each session generated thoughtful exchange, highlighting emerging research trends and fostering connections among scholars across different regions. For the details, please see: <https://aaere.org/events/>

AAERE Study Series 2 has been published

Carbon Neutrality, Climate Resilience and Sustainable Development in Asia

Editors: Socheol Lee, Ya-wen Chiueh, Rintaro Yamaguchi, Budy P. Resosudarmo, Pham Khanh Nam, Jin-Li Hu



We are pleased to announce that AAERE Study Series 2 (*Carbon Neutrality, Climate Resilience and Sustainable Development in Asia*), which consists of carefully selected papers submitted by our members in FY2024 and reviewed through a peer-review process, was published on March 10, 2026.

This publication brings together leading research and perspectives on Asia's pathway toward a low-carbon and climate-resilient future. It explores emerging policy frameworks, technological innovations, and regional cooperation strategies essential to achieving sustainable development across the region. We believe this book will be a valuable resource for researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and all those engaged in environmental and climate-related fields.

The book is now available through the book website, and we encourage you to share this announcement within your networks. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-95-5613-7>

Renew your membership at AAERE

Many benefits for a very reasonable price!

Now is the time to renew your membership! We hope that you enjoyed the benefits of your individual membership in 2025 and that you would like to renew for the year 2026. For those who have already renewed, thank you.

There are a variety of benefits you will enjoy. You will be able to:

1. Participate in the AAERE Mini-Congress (see the next page);
2. Vote in the AAERE General Assembly;
3. Browse and download the Association's official journal [Environmental Economics and Policy Studies \(EEPS\)](#), published by Springer
4. Disseminate initiatives and event announcements via AAERE mailing list;
5. Send nominations for the biannual [AAERE Fellowship](#).
6. Advance the science and application of environmental and resource economics in Asia!
7. *Bonus: Participate in [WCERE 2026 at the AAERE member fee](#)*

Save the date: WCERE 2026

7th World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists on 29 Jun-3 Jul 2026 in Lisbon, Portugal

The [World Council of Environmental and Resource Economists Associations \(WCEREA\)](#) is pleased to announce that the 7th World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists (WCERE 2026) will take place on 29 June - 03 July 2026. The conference, hosted by the [Nova School of Business and Economics \(Nova SBE\)](#), will be held in person in Carcavelos Campus in the city of Lisbon, Portugal, while including some hybrid events as part of the programme. For details, please visit <https://wcere2026.org>



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AAERE Mini Congress

August 20-21, 2026 in Jakarta, Indonesia



FAKULTAS EKONOMI DAN BISNIS

The Faculty of Economics and Business, Universitas Indonesia (FEB UI) traces its roots to Indonesia's early post-independence years. It was established on 18 September 1950, evolving from a socio-economic studies unit within UI's Faculty of Law into a standalone Faculty of Economics, and is widely regarded as Indonesia's oldest higher-education institution in economics. In 2015, it formally became the Faculty of Economics and Business (FEB UI), reflecting an expanded mandate across economics, management, and accounting.

Beyond its core strengths in economics and business, FEB UI has also become an influential contributor to environmental economics in Indonesia. FEB UI researchers have helped advance evidence-based policy discussions on topics such as decarbonization strategy, carbon pricing and green fiscal policy, climate and environmental financing (including at the regional level), and the distributional impacts of the energy transition. FEB UI has translating academic analysis into policy papers, briefs, and stakeholder dialogues that support Indonesia's shift toward a more sustainable and inclusive development pathway.

Climate change is intensifying at an unprecedented rate, with wide-ranging economic, social and environmental impacts, particularly for developing countries and vulnerable communities. Given mitigation alone is not sufficient to address the climate crisis impacts, climate adaptation has become critically urgent. In this context, the AAERE Mini Congress 2026 seeks to continue its long tradition as a platform for advancing research and policy dialogue in environmental and resource economics relevant to Asian countries, with this year's theme: "Climate Adaptation and Economic Resiliency." We look forward to welcoming you all in Jakarta this summer!



Important dates

- April 2026: Call for papers & abstract submission opens
- May 16, 2026: Abstract submission deadline
- June 13, 2026: Notification of acceptance
- July 11 2026: Deadline for early-bird registration
- July 25 2026: Paper submission deadline
- August 5 2026: Final program published

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