



Bard Harstad

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 Curriculum Vitae available Online

Bio

BIO

With a PhD from Stockholm University, Harstad taught at Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, 2004-2012, and then at the University of Oslo 2012-2023, before joining the GSB in 2023. His fields include political economics, environmental economics, and applied theory. Specific research projects include the design of international agreements, trade agreements and climate agreements, supply-side environmental policies, and policies that motivate environmental conservation and reducing deforestation.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Political Economy
- Senior Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR)
- Professor, Environmental Social Sciences
- Professor (By courtesy), Economics

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Editor, Review of Economic Studies, (2021- present)

LINKS

- Webpage at the GSB: <https://www.gsb.stanford.edu/faculty-research/faculty/bard-harstad>

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Environmental Economics: ECON 250 (Spr)
- Political Economy Research Workshop: POLECON 661 (Spr)
- Strategy Beyond Markets: Condensed: POLECON 230 (Spr)

2024-25

- Environmental Economic Theory: ECON 175, GEP 160 (Spr)
- Environmental Economics: ECON 250 (Spr)
- Political Economy Research Workshop: POLECON 661 (Aut)

2023-24

- Environmental Economics: ECON 250 (Aut)
- Strategy Beyond Markets: POLECON 230 (Win)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **The Gas Trap: Outcompeting Coal versus Renewables** *JOURNAL OF POLITICAL ECONOMY*
Harstad, B., Holtsmark, K.
2026
- **Present bias in politics and self-committing treaties** *JOURNAL OF PUBLIC ECONOMICS*
Harstad, B., Kessler, A. S.
2025; 246
- **Trade and Trees** *AMERICAN ECONOMIC REVIEW-INSIGHTS*
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2024; 6 (2): 155-175
- **The Conservation Multiplier** *JOURNAL OF POLITICAL ECONOMY*
Harstad, B.
2023
- **EXPERIMENTATION IN FEDERAL SYSTEMS** *QUARTERLY JOURNAL OF ECONOMICS*
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