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Titolo del progetto: Transition to Social-ecological Sustainability Using the Environmental Fiscal Reform

La borsa sarà attivata sul seguente corso di dottorato accreditato per il XXXVII ciclo: ECONOMIA POLITICA

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Progetto di ricerca:

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The purpose of this study is to examine the introduction of three specific fiscal flexible mechanisms such as VAT surcharges/discounts, surcharges on import/manufacture of risk substances and maturity land tax to implement a new environmental fiscal reform that aims to reduce pollutions and emissions and avoid a regressive impact on low-income households using a feedback system.

The idea behind this study is to explore alternative environmental taxation system that aims to foster the transition to social-ecological sustainability without affect negatively poor and low-income households. It looks at the potential of environmental fiscal reform in terms of environmental benefits assessing the evidence of some economic regressive impact caused by environmental fiscal reform in European Union from previous empirical studies. The objective of this study is to introduces a feedback mechanism to create a repayment system, such as rebate or cash transfer to compensate the regressive effect of the levy being added to the consumer price affecting low-income households in a very short period and push consumers to buy alternative eco-friendly products and services and to stimulate the market to offer them.

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