

Discussion Questions for January 31, 2017 – Policy Instruments

1. As you do these 3 readings, especially the 2 Jaccard ones, think about which policy instrument might work best for your decarbonization case.
2. According to Jaccard's book chapter, by what criteria should we judge choices for policy instruments?
3. What are the main categories of policy instruments relevant to energy and climate policy?
4. What instruments (if any) are missing from Jaccard's book analysis?
5. What are the main alternative approaches to pricing carbon? Be prepared to discuss their pros and cons, and how they stack up on the criteria mentioned by Jaccard in his book?
6. For the Ecofiscal Commission, you only need to read the executive summary and Chapter 4. You should skim chapters 2 and 3. What alternative revenue recycling approaches are available?
7. What criteria does the Ecofiscal Commission use to compare the alternative revenue recycling approaches?
8. Which works best to address competitiveness impacts especially in light of the big changes in climate policy coming to the US with President Trump?
9. In the Jaccard et al article, how do they compare the regulation to carbon pricing mechanisms? Do you find their argument convincing?