## Introduction

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We are pleased to introduce the seventh volume of *Environmental and Energy Policy and the Economy* (*EEPE*). The six papers herein were initially presented at an annual conference hosted by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) and held at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. The aim of the *EEPE* initiative is to spur policy-relevant research and professional interactions in the areas of environmental and energy economics and policy. Conference participants included a range of individuals from academia, government, and nongovernmental organizations.

In what follows, Judson Boomhower and Meredith Fowlie illustrate the distributional consequences of improving risk pricing efficiency in wildfire insurance markets. Claire Brunel and Arik Levinson develop a conceptual framework for understanding the economic and environmental consequences of taxes on imports of goods based on their carbon content. Karen Clay, Danae Hernandez-Cortes, Akshaya Jha, Jashua Lewis, Noah Miller, and Edson Severnini study the long-run distributional implications of U.S. power plant sitings over more than a century. Todd Gerarden, Mar Reguant, and Daniel Xu provide a comprehensive overview of industrial policy in the renewable energy sector, with comparisons across the US, EU, and China. Jamie Hansen-Lewis and Michelle Marcus show how failure to account for behavioral responses affects policy predictions with an application to maritime emissions. Finally, Richard Sweeney and Joseph Wilske estimate correlated intermittency of US wind power investments and find that it is an externality worth greater consideration and potential policy attention.

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