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The Conference is continuing an experience of previous events organized by the Warsaw School of Economics and University of Washington to evaluate impacts the globalization might have on natural environment and global environmental policy. Following previous discussion we are going to continue the debate on the interrelationships between the trade/investment and environment, the quality of natural environments in countries exporting environmental goods and services including developing and transition economies. The primary theme of the forthcoming conference focuses on the relationship between energy and the environment in the global context. Energy use and supply is of fundamental importance to society and, with the possible exception of agriculture and forestry, has made the greatest impact on the environment of any human activity - a result of the large scale and pervasive nature of energy related activities. Although energy and environment concerns were originally local in character - for example, problems associated with extraction, transport or noxious emissions - they have now widened to cover regional and global issues such as acid rain, transboundary impacts of energy use and the greenhouse effect. Such problems have now become major political issues and the subject of international debate and regulation. It is for this reason that there is a need for an international conference dedicated to energy and environment issues. Globalization, Energy and Environment is an interdisciplinary Conference aimed at natural scientists, technologists, economists and the international social science and policy communities covering the direct and indirect environmental impacts of energy acquisition, transport, production and use. A particular objective is to cover the social, economic and political dimensions of such issues at local, regional and international level. The relatively recent awareness about environmental concerns have convinced the policy makers to extend their attention beyond the black-box, least-cost models and consider other aspects of their policy decisions. As such, the policy makers have now moved ahead of analysis in taking a more comprehensive approach to energy strategy. Consequently, the forthcoming Conference is inviting participants from all countries with contributions that would help us to outline more clearly the major debate around taming versus uncritically supporting globalization and global energy/environmental policy. The Conference aims to engage experts on exporting developing and transition economies as well as specialists from industrialized countries to share their experience on various aspects of the resource exploitation, its environmental consequences, on consumption patterns, and markets.

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