

Editorial

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The editors are very pleased to be able to include in this issue a paper by Prof Hans Opschoor, whose formal retirement from the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague was marked in June 2009 by an international workshop and valedictory address on the topic of Climate Change and Sustainable Development. Hans has had a long and distinguished academic career combined with senior posts in the policy process in the Netherlands. He has always managed to combine academic rigour and a keen sense of what makes practical policy work, with a particular focus on environmental problems and the plight of the world's poorest people. But our other motivation for including his paper in the journal is to mark his contribution to ERE itself as the inspiration behind its establishment and the guidance he gave as founding editor until 1999. On behalf of ERE we wish him well in what we are sure will be an active 'retirement'.

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