



THE GLOBALIZATION OF COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS IN ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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Acclaim

“The conversation that Livermore and Revesz pursue in this volume may be the most important in all of environmental, health, and safety law.”

— Douglas Kysar, Joseph M. Field '55 Professor of Law and Deputy Dean, Yale Law School

“Michael Livermore and Richard Revesz have provided a solid basis for understanding why cost-benefit analysis is being used around the globe to address environmental issues.”

— Sally Katzen, Visiting Professor, New York University School of Law; Administrator, United States Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (1993-1998)

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Using Cost-Benefit Analysis Around the World

As developing and emerging countries advance, they will face increasingly complex environmental and public health challenges. But goals like poverty alleviation and improving governance capacity will continue to be priorities. Balancing these sometimes competing concerns will be one of the most important challenges facing governments in these countries in the twenty-first century.

Some developing and emerging countries have taken initial steps to adopt cost-benefit analysis into general policymaking and are awakening to the fact that the technique holds promise for aiding governmental decisionmaking.

The Globalization of Cost-Benefit Analysis in Environmental Policy examines how cost-benefit analysis can help developing and emerging countries confront the next generation of environmental and public health challenges. The book:

- Examines the growing reach of cost-benefit analysis;
- Presents in-depth case studies where cost-benefit analysis has been used in the Americas, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia
- Discusses conceptual and institutional issues that must be addressed when adopting cost-benefit analysis in developing and emerging countries.

In part because governments in developing and emerging countries have not extensively used cost-benefit analysis, there has been only limited research and discussion of the practice and its potential. Most related work has been done on the domestic or regional level, and has not been widely shared or distributed within the international academic or policy community. By providing both theoretical and practical discussion of this important new tool, this book makes a valuable contribution to the fields of environmental policy, development studies, and environmental law.