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Christian Gollier is the Executive Director of the Jean-Jacques Laffont Foundation / Toulouse School of Economics (TSE), which he founded with Jean Tirole in 2007. On June 19, 2023, he was elected Director of the "grand établissement TSE". He is also Past-President of the European Association of Environmental and Resources Economists (EAERE).

Christian Gollier has published more than 130 articles in international scientific journals. He is or has been associate editor, editor or co-editor of scientific journals such as Journal of Risk and Uncertainty, Journal of Risk and Insurance and Management Science. He has also published 10 books on the economics of uncertainty, including "The Economics of Risk and Time" (MIT Press, 2001), which won the Paul A. Samuelson Award. He has published "Pricing the Planet's Future" at Princeton University Press (2012) and "Ethical Asset Pricing and the Good Society" at Columbia University Press (2017), which resulted from the "6th Arrow Lecture" he gave in New York.

Since the mid-1990s, he has devoted a considerable portion of his research, teaching, and contributions to public debate on climate economics and on the interdisciplinary problem of our responsibilities to future generations. How can we organize society to reduce our emissions? How far should we sacrifice the present to save the future? From a more concrete point of view, what should be the level of the carbon price or the discount rate in the evaluation of sustainability policies, especially when the future is very uncertain? In 2019, he synthesized this research in a popular book, "Le climat après la fin du mois", published by PUF, which has received several awards as well as praise from a wide audience. He participated as lead author in the writing of the 4th and 5th reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC, 2007 and 2013). He also regularly publishes articles in the written press, notably in Les Echos, Le Monde, L'Express and Challenges. He regularly advises numerous government departments, in France and abroad, on these subjects.

In addition to his activities as an internationally recognized researcher, Christian Gollier has a rich experience in teaching around the world. Before joining the University of Toulouse, he taught at the University of Louvain (Belgium), the University of California at San Diego (USA), HEC (Paris), and the Ecole Polytechnique. He completed a sabbatical semester at the Department of Economics at Harvard University (2012). He held a Visiting Professorship in the Department of Economics at Columbia University during the entire 2015-2016 academic year. During the academic year 2021-22, he will hold a chair at the Collège de France.

He holds a PhD in economics, and an engineering degree in applied mathematics from the University of Louvain. He has received numerous scientific awards, including two IUF delegations and an ERC advanced grant from the European Union. His research interests range from the fields of economics of uncertainty to environmental economics, finance, consumption, insurance and cost-benefit analysis, with a particular interest in long-run effects.