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Christian Gollier's research spans the fields of economics of uncertainty, environmental economics, finance, consumption, insurance and cost-benefit analysis, with a particular interest in long-term sustainable effects. He founded the Jean-Jacques Laffont / Toulouse School of Economics Foundation with Jean Tirole in 2007, and has been its director from 2009 to 2024 (with a hiatus in 2015-2016). Since June 19, 2023, he has been Executive director of the "grand établissement TSE". He was awarded an Advanced ERC Grant in 2009, and he has also held three delegations to the Institut Universitaire de France. He is a Fellow of the Econometric Society. During the academic year 2021-2022, he held a chair at the Collège de France.

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