

## **THE ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS OF CONSUMPTION: EARLY HISTORY AND THEORETICAL REVIEW**

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### **ABSTRACT**

World politics and governance is increasingly being challenged by one major issue, which is environmental sustainability. Unsustainable patterns of production and consumption has been identified as the major cause of the continued deterioration of the global environment. The interest has been increased in this issue from early 1960s inspired by the popularization of biological research, and in response to the increasing public interest, different scientific disciplines took up the challenge of dealing with environmental issues. Research in the field of consumption and environment has grown rapidly since the middle of the 1990s, and also in ecological economics. This paper discuss about the historical background of ecological economics and consumption in ecological economics as a special field of research. By studying the early history of ecological economics the paper present the literature studies and the continuity in the research so far, especially in the field of consumption in ecological economics.

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