# RETHINKING NATURE AND SOCIETY IN LATIN AMERICA

This conference brings together experts in the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities from Columbia and outside institutions to participate in a highly interdisciplinary discussion of nature and society in Latin America. Engaging varied disciplinary and national perspectives, the conference takes a regional approach to land and natural resource use policies and politics on the premise that there are important social, economic, political, human rights and environmental interlinkages between different countries in the region that can provide the foundation for productively rethinking nature in Latin America.



# SESSIONS

Friday, April 9th | 1:00pm - 3:00pm Friday, April 16th | 1:00pm - 3:00pm Friday, April 23rd | 1:00pm-2:30pm Friday, May 7th | 1:00pm-2:30pm Friday, May 14th | 1:00pm - 3:00pm

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### SESSION 1: April 9th

#### Panel 1: 1-2pm – Transforming Natures

- Ben Orlove, Columbia, Climate School
- Maria Uriarte, Columbia, E3B
  - Reversals of reforestation across Latin America limit climate mitigation potential of tropical forests
- Walter Baethgen, Columbia, Earth Institute/IRI
  - Rethinking sustainable food production systems in Latin America
- Miguel Pinedo Vazquez, Columbia, Earth Institute/IRI
  - The influence of cities on fishing for household consumption and income in Amazonia

#### Panel 2: 2-3pm – Livelihoods and Access

- Denise Milstein, Columbia, Sociology
- Alicia Cooperman, Texas A&M University, Political Science
  - Community Organizing Around Water Governance and Access in Rural Brazil
- Marcos Mendoza, University of Mississippi, Anthropology
  - Green Distributive Politics and the Narco-Environment in Mexico
- Gustavo Azenha, Columbia, ILAS
  - A Political Ecology of Brazil's "Discovery Coast": Crisis, Socioenvironmental Hybridization, and Historical Amnesia in the Frontiers of Global Liberalism





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### **SESSION 2: April 16th**

#### Panel 3: 1-3pm – Sensing and Recreating Nature

- Ronald E. Gregg, Columbia, Film
- Alex Alberro, Columbia, Art History
  - Non-Human Rights and the World of Matter
- Ana Maria Ochoa, Columbia, Music
  - Sounds, human, non-human...
- Els Lagrau, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Geography
  - Relational ontologies and indigenous contemporary art: indigenous presence in the Brazilian art world today

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### SESSION 3: April 23rd

#### Panel 4: 1-2:30pm – Governance and Interventions

- Jeffrey Shrader, Columbia, International Affairs
- Raoni Rajão, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Social Studies of Science
- María Alejandra Vélez, Universidad de los Andes, Economics
  - Is collective titling enough to protect forests? Evidence from Afro-descendant communities in the Colombian Pacific region
- Leticia Merino, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Anthropology
  - Inequality in the access to natural resources and resource governance: The expansion of mining concessions in Mexico
- Tatiana Schor, Federal University of Amazonas, Geography
  - Biopolis Amazonas: narrative and challenges for sustainable development in the Amazon

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### **SESSION 4: May 7th**

#### Panel 5: 1-2:30pm – Politics and Policy

- Salo V. Coslovsky, New York University, Urban Planning & Public Service
- Marcela Torres Wong, FLACSO Mexico, Political Science
  - Rethinking Indigenous Participation in Extractivist
    Economies: Lessons from Mexico, Peru and Bolivia
- Isabella Alcañiz, University of Maryland, Government and Politics
  - From International Organizations to Local Government: How Foreign Environmental Aid Reach Subnational Beneficiaries in Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico
- **Ricardo Gutierrez**, National University of San Martin, Argentina, Politics & Government
  - Environmental mobilization and its political impact in Latin America
- Rodrigo Soares, Columbia, International Affairs
  - Property Rights, Enforcement, and Policy Design

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Panel 6: 1-2:15pm – Roundtable Discussion: The Politics of Nature, Resilience, and Development

- Victoria Murillo, Columbia, Political Science
- Alberto Acosta, FLACSO Ecuador, Economics
- Ben Orlove, Columbia, Climate School
- Eduardo Gudynas, Latin American Center of Social Ecology, Uruguay
- Susanna Hecht, University of California Los Angeles, Urban Planning

#### 2:15 - 3pm – Keynote Address

• Marina Silva, Former Brazilian Minister of the Environment

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