Social Dimensions of Environmental Policy

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SDEP Mission: SDEP aims to understand the social and political-economic forces shaping just and sustainable environmental policy. SDEP improves management of Earth's environment through research on social and policy dimensions of sustainability. Programs under this program integrate natural and social science research on society's responses to climate change and the role of democracy in making and implementing progressive environmental policy and governance.

10-Year Report: 2009-2018

Final SDEP Closing Report
SDEP Closed on 1 August 2018

This report is a summary of SDEP accomplishments from the Fall 2009 through Spring 2018 academic years.

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Note from the Director

This is the last SDEP report. Since our first event in September 2009, SDEP has been fomenting new ideas, promoting research collaborations, organizing dynamic symposia and conferences, launching new associations, and hosting and co-sponsoring campus-wide environmental governance speaker series. SDEP has created a dynamic campus-wide discussion on environmental politics and governance, contributing to campus life, to global knowledge, to policy debates and to deep educational initiatives. We have far exceeded our mission.

SDEP has made major contributions to the campus and beyond on: a) environmental governance research, b) theoretical and applied publications, and c) higher education. We accomplished these outcomes through dialogue, collaboration, basic research and public engagement. While many SDEP activities are visible on campus, including our speaker series and conferences, SDEP has a high international profile through our major research initiatives abroad that have trained a new generation of environmental governance researchers across Africa.

Our most successful high-visibility project was the Responsive Forest Governance Initiative (RFGI). With input from SDEP faculty, invited speakers, and RAs we developed a proposal and were successfully funded by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) for what became a five-year 14-country comparative research program on climate mitigation/adaptation governance in Africa. SIDA provide $3,000,000 to the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), of which $1,000,000 came to UIUC and a portion also went to collaboration with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). RFGI supported faculty, students, researchers and post docs.

RFGI used comparative ethnographic and survey-based research to better understand how climate-related interventions in Africa are working with (and reshaping) local democratic institutions. We explored the degree to which these initiatives were being institutionalized within permanent elected local governments in order to create institutionally sustainable forest-management regimes. The RFGI 5-person faculty and post-doc team trained 34 young researchers (many of whom completed PhDs based on their RFGI research), generated 35 working papers, two policy briefs, a journal special issue, an edited volume and many articles – over 115 publications *beyond* the working papers and briefs. Further, the Africa-wide Council on the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) and SIDA have taken up the RFGI research/training model for its future programs based on the program's success.

It is notable that the thirty graduates of the RFGI program are now well-placed throughout Africa and represent the cutting-edge generation of environmental governance professors, analysts and activists on the continent. RFGI researchers have established their own new institutes, such as the Centre d'Action pour le Développement et la Recherche en Afrique (CADRA), joined CODESRIA, become Senior Climate Governance Expert at UN Economic Commission for Africa and the African Union, and work in various capacities for the Institute for

Development Studies in Sussex, the IUCN Regional Office for West and Central Africa, the International Center for Forestry Research in Bogor, University of East Anglia. Many are now teaching at the University of Tanzania, Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar, Makerere University in Kampala, University of Kinshasa, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, University of Madagascar, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, and in Social Sciences at the African Leadership College (ALC) Mauritius. One is a research scientist at Ghana Council for Scientific and Industrial Research and recently became a parliamentarian in Ghana, having run for office and won. One was a post-doctoral fellow at Potsdam University, the International Center for Forestry Research, University of East Anglia, University of East Anglia, IUCN Regional Office for West and Central Africa. Eleven of those involved in the RFGI program completed or are still in doctoral programs at University of Copenhagen, University of Norway, and University of Helsinki, Makerere University, University of South Carolina, University of Edinburgh, University of Bern, University of Kisangani, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Université de Yaoundé.

SDEP has also had, through its projects like RFGI and Climate of Anxiety (see below), considerable policy presence and influence. Along with the Ministry of the Environment in Brazil, SDEP co-organized the Second International Conference on Climate, Sustainability, and Development in Semi-arid Regions (ICID 2010), in Fortaleza, Brazil to inform the UN Conference on Environment and Development in Rio in 2012 – at which the RFGI team was also present and active. SDEP faculty and researchers spoke at and were engaged in negotiations at the Paris Conference of the Parties on climate change, were involved in policy dialogues with the African Climate Policy Center (ACPC), and engaged at the Paris follow up African Climate Talks (ACT!-II). SDEP faculty have advised the EU on local democracy and climate change. On the policy front, SDEP has produced 5 policy briefs on various topics from local democracy to carbon forestry. And, SDEP post-doctoral fellows are now faculty at American University, Ohio State University, McGill University, China Agricultural University. The SDEP co-director of research, James Murombedzi, has gone on to become the Senior Climate Governance Expert at UN Economic Commission for Africa.

SDEP has also generated spinoff associations. SDEP launched and sustained two global associations – the International Society for Socio Hydrology (see Socio-hydrology: A new science of people and water) and the Initiative for Climate Adaptation Research and Understanding through the Social Sciences (ICARUS). ICAURS, a collaboration between UIUC, Columbia University and University of Michigan, has hosted five major international conferences (two at UIUC) and has produced three journal special issues and numerous other publications – in addition ICARUS has created a global community and network of scholars focused on the social elements of climate mitigation and adaptation.

Each year our speaker series have had topical themes, including: *Climate and Society* Speaker Series (2009-2010), *Democracy and Environment* Speaker Series (2010-2011)**,** *Occupy Nature* Speaker Series (2012-2013)**,** *Critical Inequalities* Seminar Series (2013-2014)**,** *Risk in a Changing World* Speaker Series (2014-2015)**,** and *Climate of Emigration: Cause and Responsibility in the Anthropocene* Speaker Series (2017-2018). On the UIUC campus the

average attendance at the talks in these series was constant at around fifty faculty and graduate students. We have had consistent engagement across campus and have generated a vivacious community dialogue on SDEP concerns!

SDEP's current research project is "Local Democracy and Vulnerability Reduction in Africa: Political Representation under a Changing Sky," affectionately called the "Climate of Anxiety" project. Climate of Anxiety is a research program funded by the International Center for Local Democracy (ICLD) that is looking at the relation between climate change and emigration from Senegal and Niger (two Sahelian countries) toward Europe. The project is examining the role of democratic institutions in mediating the decisions of young farmers to risk the journey across the Sahara, Libya and the Mediterranean toward Europe. This ICLD project is a collaboration between UIUC, University of Wisconsin and the Dakar-based institute, CADRE, founded by a former SDEP fellow.

Prior to shutting down, SDEP planned to elaborate a new research and higher education program, building on the Climate of Anxiety project. Climate of Anxiety is conducting reconnaissance research for developing a large comparative research program on climate change and the causes of vulnerability to hunger, famine and dislocation. The comparative project we were hoping to propose and launch in the coming two years is a $3 to 5 million, five-year initiative, that is would double as primary research on climate-related vulnerability and as research on alternative means of higher education in Sub-Saharan Africa. This is a project I still intend to develop with colleagues in Africa.

As an educational program, SDEP worked to mentor young African scholars through the RFGI comparative research program. The RFGI program guided a cohort of 30 young researchers through long-term ethnographic fieldwork that involved collective research questions plus the generation of individual questions and hypotheses. The result was the publication by each researcher of a single-authored article in a peer-reviewed journal. These started as working papers, and then were built into articles in a special issue, a volume, and other publications. Many of the researchers came to the program with undergraduate degrees, some with masters and many have now finished by transforming their research into PhDs. SDEP is developing and studying this mentoring system under the rubric of 'comparative research as higher education'. This will be a key part of our proposed climate and vulnerability initiative – building on our Climate of Anxiety research. There is great excitement about this program among donors.

These, among other SDEP projects, have been remarkably productive. None would have been possible without the support of the deeply engaged intellectual environment generated by the SDEP community, catalyzed by the speaker series and conferences, and supported by one or two RAs throughout. The RAs have engaged in background research for each speaker series and each conference, they have helped research and write proposals, they have provided support to our research teams and have engaged in the writing up of our research results. Their participation in SDEP has been a deep learning experience.

Thanks to my Colleagues at UIUC

SDEP is coming to a close. SDEP generated an exciting and productive decade of cross-campus and collaborative lectures, seminars, symposia, research programs, publications, visiting scholars and postdocs. SDEP created a un-'disciplined' dialogue across our amazing university.

On 1 August 2018 I left the University of Illinois for a post in the School of International Service at American University. So, I am stepping down as SDEP Director. I hope that SDEP continues, perhaps under a different name, under new leadership and in new uncharted directions. I am sad to leave behind such a dedicated and creative group of friends and collaborators.

Deep thank to the SDEP founding advisors Brian Dill, Zsuzsa Gille, Thomas Bassett and Ashwini Chhatre and the many others who infused SDEP with their energies, including Lauren Goodlad, with whom SDEP co-organized major symposia, and, in the order of their arrival in SDEP: Faranak Miraftab, Malini Ranganathan, Matt Winters, Trevor Birkenholtz, Brett Kaplan, Andrew Bauer, Terri Barnes, Maimouna Barrow, Colleen Murphy, Paolo Gardoni, Gillen Wood, Emanuel Rota, Dan Miller, Susan Koshy and Jamie Jones,.

SDEP would also not have been possible without the energies and engagement of doctoral students such as April Colette, Poonam Jusrut, Karan Misquitta, John Ben Soileau and Rea Zaimi and many SDEP Visiting Fellows and Post Docs including Jacques Pollini, Bernadette Montanari, Yuanyuan Xie, Sitti Rahbiah Busaeri, Emmanuel Nuesiri, Papa Faye, Josephine Nadinga Yameogo, James Murombedzi, Yuxin Yang, Lingchao Li, Malini Ranganathan, John Ben Soileau, Yuting Zhou, Zuo Ting, Jeremy Brooks, Yanli Liu, Teng Fei, Chen Li, and Hou Jing. All were continuously engaged in making SDEP into a happening initiative.

I also want to thank all of my colleagues at the Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, the Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, the Center for African Studies, Illinois Institute for Energy and the Environment, the Multi-Hazard Approach to Engineering Center, and many other units on campus.

SDEP owes great thanks for support received from the Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science and the School of Earth, Society and Environment due to the efforts of Bruce Rhodes, Sara McLafferty, Shaowen Wang and Stephen Marshak. SDEP also owes great thanks to the Vice Chancellors for Research Peter Schiffer and Susan Martinis, as well as to the Beckman Institute for understanding and promoting the SDEP vision. SDEP received and greatly appreciated deep administrative support from Matt Cohen and Scott Morris over the lifetime of the initiative.

Part I: Accomplishments 2009-2018

I.A. Current Faculty, Postdoctoral Fellows and Visiting Scholars

The SDEP faculty, visiting scholars, postdoctoral fellows, and students form an important intellectual community on the University of Illinois campus. SDEP faculty are involved in guiding and participating in our speaker series, conferences, and symposiums, helping make SDEP into a vibrant community. Together with engaged undergraduates, graduate students, research assistants, and postdoctoral fellows, SDEP faculty form a critical mass of intellectual activity on the political-economic and social dimensions of environmental change and environmental policy.

Current SDEP Faculty

Tom Bassett

Tom Bassett is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Geography. He conducts research on environmental change, farming systems, and land rights in West Africa. Tom co-directs the SDEP Program on Climate and Society.
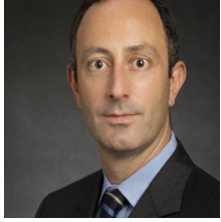
Trevor Birkenholtz

Trevor Birkenholtz is Associate Professor of Geography. He is a cultural and political ecologist, and a development geographer. His work links the political economy of access to and control over environmental resources, and ecological change, to issues of technology, knowledge and social power more typical of research in science and technology studies.

Brian Dill

Brian Dill is Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology. His research analyzes the dynamic boundary between state and society in twentieth-century Africa. Brian co-directs the SDEP Program on Democracy and Environment.

Paolo Gardoni

Paolo Gardoni is Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering. His research interests include sustainable and resilient infrastructure; ethical, social, and legal dimensions of risk; policies for natural hazard mitigation and disaster recovery; and engineering ethics.

Zsuzsa Gille

Zsuzsa Gille is Associate Professor of Sociology. Her field of study includes environmental sociology, sociology of knowledge, globalization, cultural atudies, and Eastern Europe.

Lauren Goodlad

Lauren Goodlad is Professor of English. Her work focuses on Victorian literature and culture; gothic genres; critical, feminist, postcolonial and political theory; cultural studies; and literature in relation to contemporary understandings of liberalism, globalization, internationalism, and development.

Jamie L. Jones

Jamie Jones is Assistant Professor of English. Her research in the environmental humanities traces the cultural logics of resource extraction and consumption in the United States across the nineteenth century.

Daniel Miller

Daniel Miller is Assistant Professor in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences. His conducts research on the conservation and development impacts of international aid in tropical countries and the political factors that shape those impacts.

Faranak Miraftab

Faranak Miraftab is Professor of Urban and Regional Planning. Her research focuses on the global and local development processes and contingencies involved in the formation of the city and citizens' struggles to access dignified livelihood.

Colleen Murphy

Colleen Murphy is Associate Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program. Her research focuses on the ethical dimensions of risks from natural disasters and climate change.

Matthew Winters

Matthew Winters is Assistant Professor of Political Science. His research focuses on the political economy of development, specifically on interactions between international and national institutions in the pursuit of development objectives and the ways in which these interactions lead to particular development outcomes.

Gillen D'Arcy Wood

Gillen D'Arcy Wood is Professor of English and Director of Sustainability Studies in the Humanities. His research revolves around romanticism, sustainability, climate change, and environmental history and discourse.

Current Postdoctoral Fellows and Visiting Scholars

Dr. Yuke Zhu, is an Associate Professor from the school of Business Administration of Southwestern University of Finance and Economics in Chengdu, China. She will be on campus affiliated with the MAE Multi-hazard Approach to Engineering Center. Her work at UIUC and in China focuses on social vulnerability, poverty and climate change. Her current research is on how to identify the social vulnerable groups in poverty-strike area, how to measure social vulnerability, how to build sustainable livelihood to reduce the vulnerability to climate change.

Dr. John-Michael Davis is a SDEP post-doctoral fellow and a SSHRC-funded Postdoctoral Research Associate in the Department of Geography. His postdoctoral research extends an ongoing action-research project on the Israeli-Palestinian transboundary e-waste industry, with a focus on exploring ways to sustain livelihoods, build capacity, and gain representation of an informal e-waste hub in Hebron. John-Michael has a MSc in Integrated Water Resources Management from McGill University and a PhD in Geography from Memorial University.

Yingcheng Liu is a Visiting Scholar at SDEP. Yingcheng is a PhD student from the College of Resources and Environmental Sciences at the China Agricultural University. His dissertation research explores the links between land use intensity and sustainable natural resource management, with a focus on smallholders in the fragile ecological areas of Inner Mongolia in China. Yingcheng has a Master's degree in human geography.

Emmanuel Nuesiri, a returning SDEP fellow, researches forest livelihoods, rights-based approaches to climate change governance, and political representation in participatory decision-making processes. Emmanuel has been a forestry and climate change governance resource person for the African Climate Policy Centre based at the UN Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and is in the steering committee of the Commission for Economic, Environmental and Social Policy's Natural Resources Governance Framework initiative at the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. Emmanuel has also been a consultant for several international organizations, including Friends of the Earth, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, and the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa.

Teresia Olemako is a Visiting Scholar at SDEP. Teresia researches energy access and women's entrepreneurship in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, with a focus on designing reliable energy solutions for women micro-entrepreneurs through improved cooking stoves. Teresia is also part of a University of Illinois interdisciplinary research team examining water delivery, sanitation and resource management in refugee settlements and host communities in Uganda. Teresia has a PhD from Sokoine University of Agriculture in Tanzania.

I.B. Past Faculty, Postdoctoral Fellows and Visiting Scholars

Past Faculty

Andrew Bauer was formerly Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology but is now on the faculty at Stanford University. He is an archaeologist whose research focuses on human-environment interactions and the politics of spaces, places, and landscape histories.

Past Postdoctoral Fellows, Graduate Student Fellows, and Visiting Scholars

Bernadette Montanari was a Visiting Scholar in September 2015-2017. She is an ethnobiologist and ethnobotanist. Her work focuses on top-down governance guidelines, community development through social enterprise and traditional ecological knowledge.

Sitti Rahbiah Busaeri was a Visiting Scholar in September 2015 – December 2015. Sitti was a lecturer in the Department of Social Economics (Faculty of Agriculture) at the Indonesian Muslim University and a doctoral student in Agricultural Sciences at Hasanuddin University in Indonesia. Her research focuses on the dynamics of livelihood patterns under complex

governance in Bantimurung Bulusaraung National Parks of South Sulawesi Province, Indonesia. She is interested in the interconnections and contestations among stakeholders as they shape forest livelihoods.

Jacques Pollini was a Visiting Scholar in August 2012 – September 2015. Jacques has a PhD in Natural Resources at Cornell University and studies agrarian changes in forest frontiers, with special emphasis on decentralized resource management, REDD+, the political ecology of sustainable land uses, and the resilience of peasant societies.

Yuanyuan Xie was a Visiting Scholar in September 2014 – August 2015. Yuanyuan was a lecturer at the College of Humanities and Development in China Agricultural University in Beijing and a Post-Doctoral Researcher of Ecology in the same institution. She has a PhD in Anthropology from Beijing University. From September 2008 to August 2009, Dr. Xie was a visiting scholar at the University of Oslo in Norway. Her research interests include migration, natural resource management and local knowledge.

Emmanuel Nuesiri was a Postdoctoral Research Associate in 2012-2015. Emmanuel researches forest livelihoods, rights-based approaches to climate change governance, and political representation in participatory decision-making processes. Emmanuel has been a forestry and climate change governance resource person for the African Climate Policy Centre based at the UN Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and is in the steering committee of the Commission for Economic, Environmental and Social Policy's Natural Resources Governance Framework initiative at the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. Emmanuel has also been a consultant for several international organizations, including Friends of the Earth, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, and the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa.

Papa Faye was a Visiting Scholar in August 2013 – May 2014 and Postdoctoral Fellow in October 2014 – July 2015. Papa holds a Ph.D. in Social Anthropology from University of Bern (2014) and a Ph.D. in Rural Sociology from Université Cheikh Anta Diop in Dakar (2007). He has conducted research on natural resources governance with the Council for the Development of Social Sciences Research in Africa (2004-2014) and with the Prospective Agricole et Rurale (IPAR) initiative (2009-2015). Papa is co-founder and Executive Secretary of CADRE (Centre d'Action pour le Développement et la Recherche) based in Dakar. Currently, Papa is a non-resident Fellow of Open Society Foundations and is completing a book project on the rights to local democracy and self-determination in forests and farmland in Senegal.

April Colette was a doctoral candidate in the Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science and Beckman Graduate Student Fellow in August 2013 – July 2014. April researched vulnerability in the face of flooding in the city of Santa Fe, Argentina. Her research examined how people understand climate-related vulnerability and risk, the factors that influence their understandings, and how their understandings influence the context in which citizens and the state respond to risk.

Josephine Nadinga Yameogo was a Visiting Scholar in August 2014 – September 2014. Josephine was a researcher at the Environmental and Agricultural Research Institute (INERA) in Burkina Faso's National Centre for Scientific and Technological Research (CNRST). Her research centers on agroforestry, climate change, natural resource management, and environmental protection. Dr. Yameogo has served as quality control expert in the areas of Agroforestry/Forestry/Environment/Gender with the U.S. Department of State's Millenium Challenge Account - Burkina Faso. She has been collaborating with Dr. Ribot since 2010.

James Murombedzi was a Visiting Scholar in August 2013 – May 2014. James was the Coordinator of RFGI, based at CODESRIA in Dakar. James has wide-ranging experience in natural resource governance and has worked in various capacities and contexts across sub-Saharan Africa. His academic and professional work has focused on the political economy of rural development, environmental governance, and the development of strong and independent civil societies. His research focus has been on the micro-political dynamics of natural resource governance. James is researching the impacts of the global political economy on relationships between the state and sub-national institutions in forest governance in Africa.

Yuxin Yang was a Visiting Scholar in August 2013 – May 2014. He was a PhD student from the Institute of Geographical Sciences and Natural Resources Research at the Chinese Academy of Sciences. His research focused on the links between social vulnerability and physical vulnerability in urban contexts with a particular emphasis on the impact of disastrous events

Lingchao Li was a Visiting Scholar in August 2012-2013. He was a doctoral student of Agricultural and Rural Development School of Renmin University of China. He obtained his Master and Bachelor's degree in agricultural economy and mathematics in 2011 and 2008 respectively. His research focused on areas of forest transition, forestry policy and globalization.

Malini Ranganathan was a Postdoctoral Fellow in 2010-2012. She has a PhD from the Energy and Resources Group (ERG) at the University of California, Berkeley with a designated emphasis in global metropolitan studies. Malini is Assistant Professor in the School of International Service at American University.

John Ben Soileau was a Beckman Graduate Student Fellow in 2012-2013. He is a PhD student in cultural anthropology at UIUC. His research interests are broadly related to environmental governance and the commodification of natural resources in the Brazilian Amazon.

Yuting Zhou was a Visiting Scholar in August 2011-2013. Yuting was a PhD candidate of China Agricultural University's College of Humanities and Development and had background in development studies with a focus on smallholders in developing countries. Her dissertation research focused on agro-biodiversity in Southwest China and peasant adaptation to climate change.

Zuo Ting was a Visiting Scholar in August 2012. Zuo Ting was Deputy Dean and Professor at China Agricultural University's College of Humanities and Development Studies. He is extensively trained in social and environmental sciences and natural resource management. For over two decades, he has worked in rural development and environment, with a focus on community participation in Yunnan Province, China, and in neighboring Southeast Asian countries.

Jeremy Brooks was a Postdoctoral Fellow in December 2009-2011. He has a BS in Biology from Trinity College in Connecticut and a PhD in Human Ecology from the University of California, Davis. Jeremy has conducted field research in Bhutan to explore the relationships between economic development, environmental values and conservation at multiple scales.

Yanli Liu was a Visiting Scholar in May-December 2011. Yanli was Associate Professor in China Agricultural University's College of Humanities and Development. Dr. Liu is an economic geographer with a research focus on rural development policies in China.

Teng Fei was a Visiting Scholar in 2012-2013. Teng was a doctoral student at the Chinese Academy of Sciences. His research examined the spatial distribution of China's new energy industry.

Chen Li was a Visiting Scholar in August 2010 – September 2011. Chen was a Ph.D candidate studying rural development and management in the College of Humanities and Development at China Agricultural University in Beijing. Chen's research focuses on farmer innovation, climate change, adaptation, vulnerability, natural resource management, discourse, rural energy and development studies.

Hou Jing was a Visiting Scholar in September 2009-2010. She obtained her Bachelor and Master's degrees in sociology, and completed her Ph.D. in Rural Development and Management in China Agricultural University in 2011. Hou Jing studied rural development in China, with a focus on rural livelihoods and natural resource management by farmers.

I.C. Program Activities

The two research programs within SDEP have several ongoing research initiatives. These are the SDEP **Program on Democracy and Environmental Policy** and the SDEP **Program on Climate and Society**.

SDEP Program on Democracy and Environmental Policy
Program Director: Brian Dill

SDEP Program on Climate and Society
Program Directors: Tom Bassett and Jesse Ribot

Project Activities under the Program on Democracy and Environmental Policy

1. Responsive Forest Governance Initiative
Directors (Co-PIs): Jesse Ribot (UIUC), James Murombedzi (CODESRIA), Ebrima Sall (CODESRIA), and Edmund Barrow (IUCN)

The Responsive Forest Governance Initiative is a $3 million three-year research and training program focusing on climate-related environmental governance in Africa. The RFGI program is funded by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) and executed by CODESRIA, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Currently, the Initiative is being coordinated and carried out by a team of four co-directors, three postdoctoral fellows, and thirty-four researchers working in twelve countries. These countries are: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, DR Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda. The program also has comparative cases in Nepal and Peru.

RFGI aims to "enable responsive and accountable decentralization" in forestry, and to strengthen the representation of forest-based rural populations in decision-making. RFGI works to identify ways to enhance responsive and adaptive governance processes that reduce vulnerability, enhance wellbeing, and improve forest management. Responsive and adaptive governance will be crucial to equitable and sustainable strategies for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD), and for promoting climate adaptation.

The Initiative is training young, in-country policy researchers in order to build an Africa-wide network of environmental governance analysts. RFGI has also invited independently funded researchers from other regions of the world to participate in the program. The results from Africa will be compared with results from studies carried out by collaborators in Asia and South America in order to enhance RFGI comparative scope, and to broaden its geographic policy relevance.

RFGI researchers on Gorée Island of Dakar, Senegal for the Methods Meeting held on January 9-13, 2012

RFGI Outputs

- **35 Working Papers Published** (see Annex A)
- **Special Issue on RFGI Research in the Journal *Conservation & Society* January 2018**
- **RFGI Practitioner's Handbook Completed**
- **RFGI Research Methods Handbook Completed** (see handbook [here](#))
- **RFGI-Related Publications by Research Team** (see Annex B)
- **Policy Brief Based on RFGI Research Published** (see policy brief [here](#))
- **Presentations by RFGI Team** (see Annex C)
- **RFGI Newsletters** (see Annex D)

Status: Complete

2. Local Democracy and Vulnerability Reduction in Africa: Political Representation under a Changing Sky
Directors (Co-PIs): Papa Faye (CADRE Centre d'Action pour le Développement et la Recherche en Afrique), Jesse Ribot (UIUC), and Matthew Turner (University of Wisconsin, Madison)

This research project examines local government's role – the function of political representation – in generating or reducing the current trends in which vulnerable people are migrating out of areas where climate variability is viewed as a driver of outmigration. The project is based on fieldwork in the Tambacounda region of Senegal and the Dantiandou and Say regions of Niger. Senegal and Niger are two countries with elected local government that can provide deeply needed lessons for democratic local authorities wherever climate-related security and migration pressures are at play. This project is funded by the International Center for Local Democracy.

Read more about this project [here](#).

Read an interview with Jesse Ribot on this project [here](#).

Status: Funded and under way.

3. Economic Development, Climate Change, and the Transition to Renewable Energy
Director: Brian Dill
Principal Investigators: Ashwini Chhatre, Katherine Baylis, and Matthew Winters

This project on renewable energy received funding ($76,000) from the Interdisciplinary Innovation Initiative (In3) Program at the University of Illinois. SDEP also provided support for the project by financing a research assistant, Shikha Lakhanpal, during Spring and Summer 2012.
The purposes of this project, which ran until May 2014, were twofold. First, it aimed to understand the international and global forces that both influence and accelerate the energy transition, or the changeover from an energy system rooted in the extraction and conversion of fossil fuels to one based primarily on renewables. Second, it aimed to document and explain the domestic factors that impel and facilitate the shift from non-renewable to renewable energy.

During the 2012-13 academic year, there was a graduate seminar, "Globalization of Renewable Energy" which was team-taught by the PI and co-PIs and served to refine research questions as well as identify specific synergies among faculty and students for promoting interdisciplinarity. The first year concluded with a two-day symposium (April 5-6, 2013) on the Social Dimensions of Renewable Energy. Professor Dan Kammen (UC Berkeley) presented as keynote speaker. The project team, along with a small group of international experts and colleagues from across campus examined three themes related to renewable energy the following day.

Status: Complete

4. Institutional Choice and Recognition in Natural Resource Management
Principal Investigator: Jesse Ribot

This research project explores the democratizing effects of natural resource decentralization reforms and projects. Many developing countries have launched decentralization reforms to establish and democratize local government. These reforms purport to lead to better service delivery, stronger local development, and more sustainable resource management. However, national governments, international development agencies, and other organizations are not empowering local government. Instead, they are transferring power to a wide range of local institutions, including private bodies, customary authorities, and non-government organizations. By transferring powers to these other local institutions, states are choosing to recognize them in place of democratically elected local governments. As a result, fledgling local governments receive few public powers and face competition for legitimacy. While planners have long espoused *integrated* rural development, the new trend in decentralization often

results in fragmented forms of authority and belonging. The new trend also dampens long-run prospects for local democratic consolidation.

The Institutional Choice research program examined how the institutional choices made by governments, international development agencies, and other organizations impact three dimensions of democracy: (1) representation, (2) belonging and citizenship, and (3) the public domain. This comparative policy research program includes case studies in Benin, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Senegal, Uganda, Zimbabwe, China, India, Inner Mongolia, Thailand, Brazil, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Russia.

Status: Several major research efforts have been completed in The Institutional Choice and Recognition program. The resulting publications are detailed in the Publications list below. The RFGI program, described above, continues this research.

5. Film as Experimental Research Communication
Principal Investigator: Jesse Ribot

Through RFGI, this program has received funding of $150,000 for the development of a new film on the local-democracy effects of climate change interventions in Africa. The film as an experimental research communication initiative explores film as a medium for communicating research results to policy makers, development practitioners, and affected populations. Initiative projects use dramatic accounts of research results, often laced with irony and humor, as a way to move research from the scholarly realm into the realm of policy change and action.

The initiative has so far produced two films based on research in Senegal: The first film, *Weex Dunx and the Quota*, was completed in 2007. The second film, *Semmiñ Ñaari Boor*, was completed in January 2010.

The International Center for Local Democracy funded this program ($60,000) to study the democracy effects of the film *Semmiñ Ñaari Boor* in rural Senegal. That study has been written up and is currently being revised. The study was to be delivered over one year ago, but the project was delayed by the fortuitous banning of the film in Senegal by the Minister of Environment. The banning gave the film a higher profile in Senegal and enhanced its diffusion. The ban was lifted this past year and the film was shown and studied. In addition the film was broadcast on Senegal's National Television program along with an interview with the PI/director.

In August 2013, Senegal's Minister of Environment requested copies of the two first films in this series for showing on all national television networks. The film is being used to foment policy debate in Senegal.

Status: Complete.

Project Activities under the Program on Climate and Society

1. Initiative for Climate Action Research and Understanding through the Social Sciences (ICARUS)
Directors: Jesse Ribot (UIUC), Maria-Carmen Lemos (University of Michigan), Arun Agrawal (University of Michigan), and Ben Orlove (Columbia University)

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), National Science Foundation (NSF), and Stern Reports call for greater social science engagement in discussions about climate change mitigation and adaptation. ICARUS responds to this call. Vulnerability and adaptation have emerged as key concepts in the social science literature on climate change. Both concepts have long, inter-linked histories. Scholars from various disciplines working on development, acute disasters, and slowly-unfolding crises like hunger, famine, and dislocation have contributed insights on the meanings and drivers of vulnerability. Meanwhile, scholars in diverse fields in social and ecological sciences are developing systematic ideas about adaptation. The applicability of these two bodies of work to climate-related stress and crisis remains a vigorous arena of discussion.

ICARUS seeks to develop vulnerability and adaptation theory in order to improve understanding of the inter-related concepts of vulnerability and adaptation. ICARUS is building and applying innovative frameworks and approaches to understanding social dimensions of climate phenomena. The Initiative conducts research in six areas: (1) frameworks for understanding vulnerability and adaptation; (2) forms, drivers, and outcomes of vulnerability and adaptation; (3) contextual conditions that affect vulnerability or the prospects for successful adaptation; (4) configurations of public policies relevant to vulnerability and adaptation; (5) types of private and civic action that reduce vulnerability and support adaptation; and (6) interactions between environmental, social, and individual-level factors that influence institutional structures and global climate change.

- **ICARUS I:** "Climate Vulnerability and Adaptation: Theory and Cases" was hosted by SDEP at the Beckman Institute of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in February 2010. At this inaugural conference, thirty-four papers were presented by scholars from around the world.
- **ICARUS II**: "Climate Vulnerability and Adaptation: Marginal Peoples and Environments" was held at the University of Michigan in May 2011, hosted by the International Forestry Resources and Institutions (IFRI) Research Initiative and the School of Natural Resources and Environment (SNRE). Over two hundred researchers attended.
- **ICARUS III**: "Scales, Frameworks and Metrics" was held at Columbia University in May 2012, hosted by the Department of Anthropology. With fourteen panels and double panels, and a total of eighty-one presentations, participants considered ecological and social vulnerability and adaptation to climate change over multiple temporal, geographical, social, political and economic scales.

- **ICARUS IV**: "Causes of Vulnerability & Livelihoods of the Poor" was held at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in May 2015.
- **ICARUS V**: ICARUS V addressed the themes "Security in Diversity," "Topographies of Governance," and "Technology and Society." ICARUS V was held at the Indian School of Business (Hyderabad) in June 30 – July 2, 2016.

Project Status: *Ongoing, ICARUS coordinating team is considering a conference in Arizona in Spring 2019.*

2. Climate and Sustainable Development in Drylands
Principal Investigator: Tom Bassett

Thirty-five percent of Earth's people live in arid and semi-arid lands. These drylands cover forty-one percent of the planet and closely follow maps of world poverty. While already exposed to climate extremes, according to the IPCC, drylands are likely to be severely hit by climate change. However, the concerns of populations living on these lands remain underrepresented in climate-action and development discussions.

SDEP, along with the Ministry of the Environment in Brazil, co-organized the Second International Conference on Climate, Sustainability, and Development in Semi-arid Regions (ICID 2010). The ICID meeting was held on August 12-22, 2010, and brought together governments, civil society, and experts to assess and articulate the needs and opportunities of the world's semi-arid regions, around the following themes:
- Identify and focus actions on challenges and opportunities for a better future in the world's arid and semi-arid regions.
- Update and share experience and knowledge on matters concerning semi-arid regions in the last twenty years, such as environmental and climate variability and change, vulnerabilities, impacts, and responses of adaptation and sustainable development.
- Explore synergies among the conventions of the United Nations concerning the development of semi-arid regions.
- Formulate recommendations to support national and global policy processes to inform civil society and development practitioners to achieve sustainable economic, environmental, and social development in the world's semi-arid regions.

ICID 2010 aimed to support the 2012 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio+20). ICID 2010 generated, published, and presented recommendations to guide governments and other parties in order to reduce the vulnerability of people in drylands, and enhance social and ecological sustainability in arid and semi-arid lands.

Project Status: *Complete*

3. Water in a Changing Climate: Access and Security in Indian Cities
Principal Investigator: Malini Ranganathan

Water comprises a core area for SDEP researchers and cuts across both key thematic areas. Recently completed research has studied urban water politics in South Asia and, in particular, the challenges facing expanding metropolitan regions such as Bangalore. Current research is investigating the political economy of water access under scenarios of utility restructuring, the historical geography of water infrastructure, transnational water governance, collective action around water, and sustainable water management. In addition, research is connecting water access issues to concerns over climate change vulnerability and adaptation by examining the relationship between groundwater withdrawal, land subsidence, and flood vulnerability in Manila and Bangalore.

Project Status: Core SDEP activity Completed 2013.

1.D. SDEP Conferences and Events

SDEP has hosted and co-sponsored a range of symposiums, seminars, and workshops. Topics have ranged from climate adaptation, renewed perspectives in political ecology, advances in renewable energy, and the future of waste. Each speaker attracts between 50 and 80 participants from around campus. After each seminar, each speaker is followed by a discussant from either the social sciences or from the natural sciences. This mix of discussants from departments as diverse as Sociology, Anthropology, Political Science, Gender Studies, Planning, Engineering, and Geography is designed to help SDEP establish a foothold in departments from across campus and across disciplines. The audiences are highly inter-disciplinary and the discussions wide-ranging and engaged.

SDEP lecture series are organized around annual themes:

- 2009-10 "Climate and Society"
- 2010-11 "Democracy and Environment"
- 2012-13 "Occupy Nature"
- 2013-14 "Critical Inequalities"
- 2014-15 "Risk in a Changing World"
- 2017-18 "Climate of Emigration: Causes of Mobility in the Anthropocene"

Events organized or co-sponsored by SDEP from 2009 to the end of 2017 are briefly described below.
Fall 2009 Events

11 September 2009
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
The Underlying Logic in the Action and Decision-Making Process of Peasants Livelihood in Rural China

Talk by Hans-Martin Fussel Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research

16 October 2009
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Can the Rural Poor Profit from Climate Change? The Case of the Mexican National Payment for Ecosystem Services Programs
Talk by Elizabeth Shapiro Applied Biodiversity Science NSF-IGERT Program, Texas A&M University

13 November 2009
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Closing the Gap between Science and Practice
Talk by Roger Kasperson George Perkins Marsh Institute, Clark University

4 December 2009
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Understanding the Roots of Community Vulnerability and Adaptation in the Congo Basin
Talk by Rene Oyono and Bolyong Garba Independent Sociologists

Spring 2010 Events

10-13 February 2010
ICARUS I Conference: Climate Vulnerability and Adaptation: Theory and Cases
Beckman Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
At this inaugural conference, thirty-four papers were presented by scholars from around the world.

10 February 2010
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Social Dimensions of Climate Change: From Principles to Practice at the World Bank
Talk by Robin Mearns Social Development Department of The World Bank

12 February 2010
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Can Science Save North East Brazil? Building Adaptive Capacity to Climatic Change in Ceara
Talk by Maria Carmen Lemos Natural Resources and Environment, University of Michigan

Mar 5, 2010
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
The Politics of Nature and Regional Autonomy in Bali
Talk by Martin Ramstedt The Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

12 March 2010
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Climate Change as a Security Risk: Water, Food and Health as Conflict Constellations in India
Talk by Hans G. Bohle Geography, University of Bonn

9 April 2010
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Access to Technologies for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Under International Law
Talk by Stephen Humphreys London School of Economics

30 April – 1 May 2010
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
BIOS: Life, Death, Politics
SDEP supported this symposium, organized by the Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. SDEP's support helped the Unit bring in Paul Rabinow, who spoke on "Beyond Biopower: Reflections on Art and Nature."

Fall 2010 Events

10-16 August 2010
Fortaleza, Brazil
International Conference on Climate and Sustainable Development in Semi-Arid Lands (ICID)
This conference was organized around four themes (Climate Information; Climate and Sustainable Development; Climate Governance; Climate Policy Processes). It sought to 1) identify measures to reduce vulnerability and enhance adaptation, and 2) map these measures to appropriate policies and institutions for intervention at various scales of ecological, social, economic and political organization.

26 August 2010
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
The Underlying Logic in the Action and Decision-Making Processes of Peasants in Rural China
Talk by Hou Jing.

27 August 2010
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Geography, Climate Change, Capitalism, and the Challenge of Transdisciplinarity
Talk by Joel Wainwright.

15 October 2010
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Adaptation without Prices without Apology
Talk by Neil Adger.

29 October 2010
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Arrested Democracy: Decentralized Environmental Governance, Sustainable Livelihoods and Environmental Policy in Africa: The Case of Malawi
Talk by Leo Zulu.

12 November 2010
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Producing Wildlife: Informal Management and Undemocratic Sustainability in India's Conservation Lands
Talk by Paul Robbins.

Spring 2011 Events

4 February 2011
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Conservation and Development: A Look at Gross National Happiness, Resource Use and Environmental Values in Bhutan
Talk by Jeremy Brooks.

4-5 February 2011
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Upper Midwest Nature-Society Graduate Student Workshop
Doctoral students working with SDEP faculty coordinated a tri-university workshop on nature-society relations. The workshop brought together doctoral students from the three campuses working on political ecological issues to discuss their research.

28 February 2011
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Marketization, Social Protection, Emancipation: Re-Reading Karl Polanyi in the 21st Century
Talk by Nancy Fraser.

2 March 2011
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Drylands and Global Change: from ICID to Rio and Beyond
Talk by Antonio Rocha Magalhaes and Jesse Ribot.

4 March 2011
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Brazil as a Player in the South-South Cooperation to Promote Sustainable Development in Drylands of Latin America, Africa and Asia
Talk by Antonio Rocha Magalhaes.

31 March – 1 April 2011
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Imagining Transnational Futures: Envisioning Real Utopias
SDEP co-organized this symposium with Markus Schulz (Sociology). Jesse Ribot chaired a panel, gave a talk, and sat on a round table in this symposium.

8 April 2011
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Formalizing Indigenous Commons: The Role of 'Authority' in the Formation of Territories Nicaragua, Bolivia and the Philippines.
Talk by Anne Larson.

28-29 April 2011
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Freedom and its Discontents
SDEP co-sponsored this symposium, which was organized by the Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

5-8 May 2011
ICARUS II Conference: Climate Vulnerability and Adaptation: Marginal Peoples and Environments
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Fall 2011 Events

8 September 2011
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Climate Adaptation under Economic & Policy Transitions: The Case of He Village, Northwest China
Talk by Li Chen China Agricultural University

24 September 2011
Symposium: Representing Vulnerability: Maps, Narratives, and Political Processes
Beckman Institute
This workshop was organized by Tom Bassett and Jesse Ribot and brought in five leading scholars working on climate and vulnerability. It featured a keynote address by IPCC's Diana Liverman (University of Arizona) and talks by Tom Bassett, Ashwini Chhatre, Prakash Kashwan (University of Connecticut), Matthew Turner (University of Wisconsin, Madison) and Wendy Wolford (Cornell) with commentary by UIUC's Malini Ranganathan, Jesse Ribot, Matthew Winters, and Gillen Wood.

27 September 2011
Changes in the Social Dimensions of Environmental Analysis Since the Early Days of Political

Ecology
Beckman Institute
Guest speakers included Peter Taylor (University of Massachusetts, Boston) and Raúl García Barrios (National Autonomous University of México, Cuernavaca).

8 November 2011 – 8 May 2012: a periodic seminar
SDEP Critical Climate Studies Seminars: Open Discussion Forum
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
The SDEP Critical Climate Studies brings together UIUC scholars from across the social sciences and humanities that work on the social, cultural, and political-ecological dimensions of climate change and its myriad related implications. The seminar creates a space in which scholars with a critical social science angle on the environment can exchange ideas on empirically grounded and conceptually rigorous research and writing. The seminar provides a venue to explore key crosscutting themes and frameworks, and to discuss common methodological and theoretical challenges. Some topics covered include:
- The politics of climate skepticism in North America
- Urban flood vulnerability and local politics in Argentina
- Accountability and representation in forest governance in Africa
- Democracy, livelihoods, and rural development in India
- Water governance and citizen-state relations in urban India

12-13 November 2011
Upper Midwest Nature-Society Graduate Annual Workshop
University of Wisconsin, Madison
This workshop provides a forum in which students from the region can present and discuss their ongoing doctoral research on human-environment relations. It is typically attended by five to eight faculty and up to twenty students from UIUC, Minnesota-Twin Cities, and Wisconsin-Madison.

Spring 2012 Events

19-20 April 2012
Workshop on Healthy Partnerships for a Thriving Champaign-Urbana: A University-Community Dialogue for Green Jobs and Entrepreneurship
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Focused on beginning the dialogue on approaches to improving the health and wellbeing of the community, this workshop explored ways in which Urbana-Champaign can become a model learning laboratory for sustainability and resilience, with the goal of creating green entrepreneurial and job opportunities for the community. Speakers included Majora Carter, eco-entrepreneur, MacArthur Fellow and founder of Sustainable South Bronx, a non-profit that provides green jobs training and placement to restore local waste sites, create urban farms, and install green spaces and roofs.

21 April 2012

[Africa Rising: The Role of Intellectuals? 9th Annual Spring Forum of the African Students Organization](#)
Beckman Institute
This African Student Organization meeting was coordinated by SDEP Postdoctoral Fellow Emmanuel Nuesiri and hosted a dynamic set of speakers addressing the topic of climate change, land, and economic policy. Speakers included Paul T. Zeleza (Loyola Marymount), Tom Bassett (UIUC and SDEP), Teresa Barnes (UIUC), Emmanuel Nuesiri (UIUC and SDEP), Mary Thompson (University of South Carolina), and Anta Sane (Howard University, Washington DC).

18-20 May 2012
[ICARUS III Conference: Scales, Frameworks, and Metrics](#)
Columbia University, New York

Fall 2013 Events

4-8 June 2012
PhD Course in Political Ecology
University of Copenhagen
This was a course co-taught by Jesse Ribot, Jens Friis Lund, Christian Lund, and Lars Bo Kasperson (all of University of Copenhagen). The course features work from the SDEP programs.

20 June 2012
[Occupy Nature: Environmental Justice Under a Changing Sky](#)
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Bina Agarwal (Director and Professor of Economics at the Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University), James Murombedzi (Co-director Responsive Forest Governance Initiative, CODESRIA), Jesse Ribot (Director of SDEP, Co-director of Responsive Forest Governance Initiative, and Associate Professor in Geography at UIUC). This Rio+20 symposium presented findings from the SDEP RFGI program and had the co-sponsorship of the African NGO Environment and Development of the Third World (ENDA). Over 150 participants attended the seminar held at the People's Forum of the UN Conference on Environment and Development.

13-14 November 2012
[Upper Midwest Nature-Society Graduate Annual Workshop](#)
University of Wisconsin-Madison
See description above.

Spring 2013 Events

1-2 March 2013
[The Future of Waste: 2013 Joint Area Study Centers Symposium (JACS)](#)

Beckman Institute, UIUC
Organized by SDEP faculty Zsuzsa Gille (Sociology), this two-day meeting provided an overview of global developments in waste reduction, reuse, and prevention. The meeting featured sixteen distinguished speakers who shared research findings and experiences gained from policy-making and activism around the world. The symposium also included a roundtable discussion on the origins of and solutions to food waste and post-harvest loss, and screened two award-winning documentaries on the lives of scavengers in Sao Paolo, Brazil, and Cairo, Egypt.

8 March 2013
Beckman Institute, UIUC
[REDD Flags: The Carbon Market, Forests, and the Commodification of Nature](#)
Tracey Osborne, School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona

5-6 April 2013
Symposium on Social Dimensions of Renewable Energy
Beckman Institute, UIUC
This two-day symposium was organized by SDEP faculty Brian Dill and Ashwini Chhatre, supported by a grant from the Interdisciplinary Innovation Initiative (In3) program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

19 April 2013
Beckman Institute, UIUC
[Common Sense and Emancipation in the Nature of Everyday Life](#)
Talk by Alex Loftus Senior Lecturer in Environment and Development at King's College, London

Fall 2013 Events

28-30 August 2013
Beckman Institute, UIUC
[Workshop: Advancing Socio-hydrology, a New Science of People and Water](#)

20 September 2013
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[Textures of Technology: Film Production and Aesthetics Symposium](#)SDEP co-sponsored this symposium with Illinois-Sweden Program in Education and Research Exchange.

20 September 2013
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[Extreme Environments: Film Technology and Aesthetics in Isaac Julien's True North and Fantome Afrique](#)
Talk by Lisa Bloom.

20 September 2013

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[Special SDEP/Geography and GIS Seminar by James Murombedzi](#)
Dr. Murombedzi interrogates the theoretical and material underpinnings of the commodification of nature in Africa, expressed in the form of land and natural resources expropriation and the privatization of tenure facilitated by the hegemonic imposition of political conditionalities of "good governance" inter alia.

25 September 2013
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[The Right to the Common](#) Talk by Michael Hardt. The Right to the Common is becoming a central demand of many contemporary social struggles. The first task of this lecture is to define the common and articulate its characteristics in distinction from both the private and the public. The second task is to explore the ways in which different social movements, including Occupy, are oriented toward the common.

27 September 2013
Beckman Institute, UIUC
[Historicizing the 'Natural': The Political Ecology of Southern India's Inselberg Environments](#)
Talk by Andrew Bauer. This presentation illustrates that a series of environmental features (e.g., modified rock pools, weathering pits, soil distributions) that are widely considered to be natural attributes of South India's inselbergs were created during the Iron Age (1200-300 BCE) as a means of appropriating space for politically instrumental ritual activities and agro-pastoral production. These same landscape features are now being politicized in a different historical context as they are increasingly categorized as elements of pristine environments that require protection from human land use practices.

12-13 October 2013
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[Third Annual Upper Midwest Nature-Society Workshop](#)
This workshop provides a forum in which students from the region can present and discuss their ongoing doctoral research on human-environment relations. It is typically attended by five to eight faculty and up to twenty students from UIUC, Minnesota-Twin Cities, and Wisconsin-Madison.

18 October 2013
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
The Enigma of Chinese Capitalism in Africa: Precarious Labor, Resource Nationalism and the Struggle for South-South Development
Talk by Ching Kwan Lee. Drawing on ethnographic fieldwork in Zambia's copper and construction industries, this talk addresses the questions: what is the peculiarity of Chinese investment in Africa? What are the prospects of China's presence for African development?

24 October 2013
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

China in Africa: Stripping Away the Myths
Talk by Deborah Brautigam. What is China really doing in Africa? Deborah Bräutigam discusses the impact of Chinese aid and investment in Africa and assesses whether China's presence on the continent is a threat to US interests.

24 October 2013
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Towards a National Cold War Monuments and Environmental Heritage Trail This public lecture was the first of a series of three events built around the work of Sarah Kanouse and Shiloh Krupar on the environmental and social legacy of the Cold War and nuclear armament in the United States.

4 November 2013
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Climate Change and the Human Condition - Nicholson Distinguished Visiting Scholar Lecture
Talk by Dipesh Chakrabarty. This lecture focused on some areas of cognitive dissonance that arise when we seek to bring together our concerns about global warming and our unavoidable investment in the idea of development as freedom.

5 November 2013
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Seminar with Dipesh Chakrabarty
This seminar focused on climate change and the human condition, specifically around Dr. Dipesh Chakrabarty's work on areas of cognitive dissonance that arise when we seek to bring together our concerns about global warming and our unavoidable investment in the idea of development as freedom.

7-8 November 2013
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Lemann Institute Dialogue: Agricultural and Environmental Issues in Brazil

7 November 2013
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Film Screening - Talking History: C.L.R. James and E.P. Thompson
E. P. Thompson's The Making of the English Working Class, first published in 1963, was a landmark in British labor, social and political history. It shaped a generation of historians: that global cadre of 1968 that ultimately transformed the academy, intellectually and institutionally, by insisting on the presence of underrepresented subjects in history and across the disciplines as well. This conference asks what the book, now half a century old, has done to shape the researching and writing of world histories from below.

7 November 2013
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Keynote Address - Putting 'Communitarian Ideals' to the Test: Catherine Impey and the Making of Victorian Anti-Racism
Keynote Address by Caroline Bressey. This event was part of the 3 year initiative, World Histories from Below. The theme for 2013-14 was Grassroots Histories: Politics, Nature, Commons.

8 November 2013
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Symposium - History from Below: E.P. Thompson's The Making of the English Working Class (1963), Fifty Years OnE. P. Thompson's The Making of the English Working Class, first published in 1963, was a landmark in British labor, social and political history. It shaped a generation of historians: that global cadre of 1968 that ultimately transformed the academy, intellectually and institutionally, by insisting on the presence of underrepresented subjects in history and across the disciplines as well. This conference asks what the book, now half a century old, has done to shape the researching and writing of world histories from below.
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Spring 2014 Events

12 January 2014
Dakar, Senegal
RFGI Workshop - Representing Representation: Institutional Views of REDD

20 February 2014
Beckman Institute, UIUC
Emancipatory Forestry: Making REDD Democratic?
This was a workshop of the Responsive Forest Governance Initiative (RFGI), the University of Illinois, and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature supported by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA). The workshop explored the democracy effects of the United Nations Program for the Reduction of Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD) implementation, based on preliminary results from 34 case studies in 12 countries in Africa with additional cases in Peru and Nepal. An overview and six case studies was presented at the workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to explore how REDD is interacting with local democratic processes and whether REDD and forestry more broadly can be made more representative of and accountable to forest-dependent populations.

7 March 2014
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Global Environmental History: A Symposium
This symposium sought to foster exchange among scholars whose work imaginatively tells the history of environmental, social, and cultural change from the bottom up. Aiming for a truly global conversation, the symposium brought together scholars with a broad range of

geographical and temporal concerns for a thoughtful dialogue that will be at once methodological and topical. The symposium sought to use speakers' local case studies to imagine and develop an overarching set of frameworks for telling global environmental histories.

13 March 2014
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[The Limits to Representation in Forestry and REDD in Africa: Preliminary Synthesis of Comparative Research Findings from the Responsive Forest Governance Initiative (RFGI)](#)
This talk by James Murombedzi synthesized some 33 case studies of the impacts of forest governance initiatives on local democracy in Africa. The synthesis demonstrated that decentralizations of forest governance have avoided elected local governments by privileging non-representative such as NGOs and traditional authorities; that even when implemented through elected local government the interventions have not promoted representation and accountability; and that the limitations to democratic representation are located in both the global contexts in which the initiatives are generated, the national and historical contexts in which they are implemented, and the power dynamics between the local, national and global.

14 March 2014
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[Symbolic Democracy as Social Safeguard in REDD+: The Case of the UN-REDD Programme in Nigeria](#)
Talk by Emmanuel Nuesiri on findings from RFGI research in Nigeria.

7 April 2014
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[Environment as Colony: Media Aesthetics and the Material Turn](#)
SDEP co-sponsored this event, which was organized by the Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. How do we rethink aesthetics environmentally after Rob Nixon's 'slow violence' and Maxwell and Miller's 'Greening the Media'? As feminism moved from representation to global critique, so ecocritique has ambitions to move from explicit portrayals of nature towards new understandings of materiality, labor and form. Anti-anthropocentrism weakens ecocritical arguments philosophically and politically: from decolonization literature we can begin to learn how to undertake an aesthetics that is more than merely aesthetic.

25 April 2014
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
["More governance, more deforestation? Forest Management in the Republic of Congo" - Geography Graduate Student Association's Second Annual Invited Lecture](#)
Talk by Arun Agrawal.

29 April 2014
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Rediscovering Africa? The Role of Brazilian Experts and Expertise in Mozambican Agriculture
Talk by Wendy Wolford.

9-10 May 2014
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Critical Inequalities Symposium
SDEP co-sponsored this symposium, which was organized by the Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory at UIUC. This symposium was an exploration in fusing critical theory with empirical social science to derive critical understandings of inequality across multiple disciplines.

Fall 2014 Events

11-12 October 2014
University of Minnesota
Fifth Annual Upper Midwest Nature-Society Graduate Student Workshop
This workshop provides a forum in which students from the region can present and discuss their ongoing doctoral research on human-environment relations. It is typically attended by five to eight faculty and up to twenty students from UIUC, Minnesota-Twin Cities, and Wisconsin-Madison.

22 October 2014
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Script Writing Workshops: From Research to Film
Senegalese visual artist, Fatou Kandé Senghor, visited Champaign-Urbana to collaborate with Jesse Ribot on the Film as Experimental Research Communication Initiative.

31 October 2014
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Infrastructure Nation: State Space, Hegemony, and Hydraulic Regionalism in Pakistan
Talk by Majed Akhter. The speaker puts Henri Lefebvre's theory of the production of state space in conversation with Antonio Gramsci's understanding of hegemonic nationalism to understand how infrastructures simultaneously homogenize and differentiate state space. The guiding questions for this historical analysis are: How and why do river infrastructures like large dams shape the politics of postcolonial state and nation formation? What political and geopolitical conditions enable regionalist ideologies to interrupt the centralization of state authority?

7 November 2014
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Stacking Ecosystem Services: Building Environmental Markets at the Intersection of Science, Capital and Law
Talk by Morgan Robertson.

14 November 2014
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Dismantling Causal Structures of Vulnerability: A Political Project
Talk by Prakash Kashwan. By bringing to center stage the political drivers of 'accountability politics', the speaker argued for political and policy reforms that are geared to navigate the complexities of the actually existing politics of vulnerability and empowerment.

Spring 2015 Events

3 February 2015
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Energy in the Anthropocene Era: A Tale of Fire, Smoke, Time, and Power
Talk by Tami C. Bond.

2-4 March 2015
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Power Africa: Promises, Potentials, Pitfalls, and Possible Alternatives
Co-sponsored by SDEP. This was the first US conference to bring together a global community of scholars and practitioners to examine President Obama's Power Africa Initiative. Conference participants from the US, Canada, and the African continent examined large-scale energy development projects in African countries in order to ascertain what lessons can be learned and how Power Africa might be shaped to ensure participation of and optimum results for the rural and urban poor.

13 March 2015
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
A geospatial approach for activity-based dynamic exposure assessment
Talk by Eun-Hye Enki Yoo.

14 April 2015
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Gender, Resilience, and Shocks
Talk by Ruth Meinzen-Dick.

7-9 May 2015
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
ICARUS IV Conference: Causes of Vulnerability and Livelihoods of the Poor

Fall 2015 Events

28 August 2015
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[**The Israel-Palestine E-waste Commodity Chain: Findings and Reflections**](#)
Talk by Yaakov Garb. Over the last several years, Yaakov Garb has worked with a small team to explore and document the informal Palestinian-Israeli entrepreneurial commodity chain through which most Israeli electronic waste has been informally transferred to a cluster of Palestinian villages and dismantled, with valuable materials (primarily copper and motherboards) shipped via Israel to destinations abroad, and the remainder crudely burned and dumped in the rural landscape. Drawing on over a hundred interviews with stakeholders in this commodity chain, extensive field observation, as well as remote sensing imagery and traffic counts, the team has constructed a portrait of this value chain (actors, prices, volumes, and dynamics) and documented its severe environmental and human health consequences. They have also worked with the local Palestinian community to develop a business model, transition strategy, and bargaining power vis-à-vis the Israeli system to enable a shift to cleaner operation while preserving livelihoods. This talk described this e-waste commodity chain, its geopolitical contexts, and the results of Garb's research and advocacy efforts. It reflected on the broader implications of this case study for thinking about informal commodity chains, their ability to move materials and rework landscapes at large scales, and what we know about them.

23 September 2015
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[**Integrating Traditional Knowledge for Sustainable Development in Morocco**](#)
Talk by Bernadette Montanari. This talk suggested that the implementation of a dynamic socio-economic development and sustainable management of natural resources are undeniably based on the integration and recognition of traditional knowledge into the local development fabric in Morocco.

6 November 2015
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[**From Firms to Farmers: Retooling Global Value Chains for Local Development. The Case of Cashew Production in Côte d'Ivoire**](#)
Talk by Tom Bassett. This presentation explored how value chain development is playing out on the ground through a case study of Côte d'Ivoire's cashew economy. It examines whether cashew growers benefit from upgrading activities, specifically higher cashew quality, that should result in higher producer prices. The presentation concluded with a discussion of the Ivorian state's retooling of the cashew value chain to improve farmer incomes and the implications of its interventions for value chain governance.

13 November 2015
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[**Spaces of Insurgency**](#)

Talk by Michael Watts. This talk examined the rise of two insurgencies in contemporary Nigeria, on their face of very different character. One – Boko Haram – is a neo-Salafist Islamist movement associated with the northern savanna and draped in the language of "true Islam"; the other – the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) – a secular movement arising on the oilfields and in the creeks of the forested Niger delta speaking the language of self determination, resource control and constitutional reform. Drawing upon the ideas of Henri Lefebvre among others, this talk argued for their 'family resemblances' rooted in the relations between petro-capitalism, spatial fragmentation and the exclusion of youth from multiple forms of authority. Each must be grounded too in regionally and culturally specific forms of state-building, warfare and local history which gives to each insurgency a specific coloration and inflection.

14 December 2015
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[Land Reforms in West and Central Africa: Challenges, Opportunities, and the Empowerment of Local Communities](#)
Talk by Solange Bandiaky-Badji. This presentation gave an overview of the challenges for tenure reforms in Africa such as lack of political will, limited government capacity to address tenure issues, and inconsistent and limited legal frameworks on forest tenure, and opportunities for these countries to advance tenure reforms that achieve sustainable development and social justice objectives. It also discussed how a diverse range of actors (civil society organizations, traditional chiefs, parliamentarians, indigenous peoples, women, and national institutions) are shaping these reform processes to secure the rights of local communities, women, and indigenous peoples.

Spring 2016 Events

5 February 2016
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[Evaluation And Evidence of Conservation's Impact on Nature and People](#)
Talk by Madeleine McKinnon. This talk presented results from a new global synthesis on the current state of scientific evidence on the impacts of conservation on human wellbeing. Bringing together data from over 1000 studies, this "evidence map" charts the current distribution and extent of available evidence across different biomes, countries and linkages. The talk also described how conservation NGOs are investing in the generation of new knowledge on conservation effects through impact evaluation and other analytical approaches.

19 February 2016
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[Sustainable Development in Morocco: Seeking Space to Include Traditional Ecological Knowledge in the Green Moroccan Plan](#)
Talk by Bernadette Montanari.

4 March 2016
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[Conservation Legacies: Understanding the Social-Ecological Impacts of International Biodiversity Aid](#)
Talk by Daniel Miller. This seminar presented new research on the allocation and impacts of international aid for biodiversity conservation in tropical countries. It focused on assessing the social-ecological legacy of a conservation aid project implemented in Benin's W National Park, one the largest protected areas in West Africa. Specially, it examined how the European Union-funded ECOPAS project (Ecosystèmes Protégés en Afrique Soudano-Sahélienne) affected mammal species abundance and the ability of households around the Park to access natural and financial capital. Using a mixed methods approach based on a quasi-experimental research design, the study reported on these impacts and explored the key role of contestation over property rights in shaping them.

10-11 March 2016
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[Climate Change and its Impact: Risks and Inequalities](#)
The overarching goal for the workshop was to develop a better understanding of the ways that climate change is affecting society by altering weather patterns, modifying the likelihoods and magnitudes of natural hazards, and exacerbating inequalities as well as creating new inequalities among individuals around the world.

5 April 2016
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[Teach-In: Climate Change: International Policies and Human Impacts](#)
This teach-in panel discussion provided a broad overview of international policies intended to lessen the negative effects of climate change and the human impacts of those policies in diverse geographical and sociocultural contexts. Speakers included Tom Bassett, Warren Lavey, Emmanuel Nuesiri and Bernadette Montanari.

8 April 2016
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[Is the Turn to 'Evidence Based' Research Constraining Policy Learning? Lessons for Evaluation Studies from 30 Years of Global Forest Governance](#)
Talk by Ben Cashore.

15 April 2016
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[Moving Targets: Ethical Framings of Captive-bred Lion Hunts in South Africa](#)
Talk by Rick Schroeder. This talk analyzed the long-running debate surrounding the "canned" hunting of nominally wild animal species in South Africa.

Fall 2016 Events

30 June – 2 July 2016
Hyderabad, India
[ICARUS V International Conference of the Initiative on Climate Adaptation Research and Understanding through the Social Sciences](#)

16 September 2016
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[Quantifying Conservation Influence: The Allocation and Impact of Land Conservation in the Amazon and the US.](#)
Talk by Christopher Nolte.

Spring 2017 Events

31 January 2017
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[Missing Out on the Opportunities: Excluded Women of the Green Moroccan Plan](#)
Talk by Bernadette Montanari.

10 March 2017
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[Political Ecology of Global Development & Environment: A Symposium in Honor of Professor Tom Bassett](#)

19 April 2017
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[Energy Access, Women's Entrepreneurship, and Decentralization Systems in Tanzania](#)
Talk by Teresia Olemako.

Fall 2017 Events

18-20 September 2017
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[iSEE Congress: Building Resilience to Climate Change](#)
Co-sponsored by SDEP. This congress assembled leading national and international scientists from different disciplines to advance scientific understanding on the impacts of climate change on the agricultural sector, on ecosystem services, and on human livelihoods and wellbeing, particularly among the most vulnerable sections of society. The Congress sought to foster critical thinking not only on the challenges posed by climate change, but also on the areas for further research and institutional development to adapt to it. The event provided a forum to discuss the near- and medium-term options for building resilience to climate change and policy directions that could contribute to long-term solutions.

3 November 2017
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[Climate Change and Migration in the Midst of Elusion](#)
Talk by Sara Vigil. This talk analyzed the variegated and complex interactions between climate change politics, resource grabs, and migration, by drawing on case studies conducted in two very different socio-political contexts: Senegal and Cambodia. In so doing, it showed how and why powerful framings on causes, impacts, and solutions translate into interventions that often increase, rather than alleviate, the very pressures that they intend to redress.

Spring 2018 Events

2 March 2018
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[Senegalese Migration to Europe: God and Self-deprecation in a Multi-causal Perspective](#)
[Talk](#) by Papa Faye. With the rise of authoritarian populism, European media and governments present unauthorized migration from African countries as a serious threat. As migration has risen to the top of the international development agenda, the EU and other donor countries are supporting migration prevention programs across Africa. The waves of new migration to Europe, however, are misrepresented and poorly understood in the media and in social science scholarship. In most cases, migration is explained by a singular cause, such as unemployment, low wages, poverty, conflicts, climate change or culture. No single explanation holds, however, when migration is viewed from the perspective of migrants and their parents. In addition to describing multiple causal pressures, young Senegalese men describe their decision to take on the risk of emigration in fatalistic terms, explaining that their destiny is in the hands of God as they migrate. Drawing on initial findings from research on unauthorized migration from Senegal to Europe, this talk suggests that young migrants' fatalism should be interpreted not as a religious belief but as the result of their self-deprecation, which is a product of historical social and political conditions that predispose them to deeper vulnerabilities at home. This talk emphasizes the need for integrative approaches to migration that account for multiple causes – including ideational and affective internalizations of past insults – in order to understand and combat the self-destruction that desires for Europe represent.

29 March 2018
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[Commons, Co-ops, and Corporations: Indonesia's 21st Century Land Reform](#)
Talk by Tania Murray Li, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Toronto. This event is cosponsored by Geography & GIS; Geography Graduate Student Association (GGSA); SDEP

18 April 2018
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[Female Education, Entrepreneurship, and Access to Energy in Communities Living Adjacent to Protected Areas of Tanzania](#)

Talk by Teresia Olemako.

19 April 2018
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Collapse! What Collapse? Societal Adaptations to Climate Change Before Global Warming
Talk by Harvey Weiss Professor of Environmental Studies and Near Eastern Archeology at Yale University. (This event is cosponsored byIllinois Program in Law and Philosophy; Department of Anthropology; Land Conservation Foundation; SDEP)

20 April 2018
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
A Question of Access: Nature Conservation, Displacement, and Social Transformation at the Virunga National Park, DRC
Talk by Stephan Hochleithner. The Virunga National Park (VNP), located in the east of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, is advertised as key to bringing peace to the region, which has been afflicted by armed conflicts for at least the past 30 years. The park's management and donors argue that the VNP brings about economic development and stability, and helps to counter climate change, tying in with the global narrative of nature conservation. An increasing number of studies, however, also point at the VNP's downsides, such as dispossessive enclosures, disempowerment of peasants, and contributions to causes of ongoing armed conflicts. Drawing on qualitative fieldwork in the region, this talk examines the role of the VNP in local migration patterns with special regard to the many internally displaced persons. It argues that the VNP contributes to increased social and environmental differentiation and contributes to local conflict dynamics by restricting local communities' access to resources.

Part II: Planned Activities
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Part III: Fundraising Needs
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Annex A: RFGI Working Papers

All working papers can be found on www.jesseribot.com. The links below may no longer be working.

N.1: The Effects of REDD+ on Forest People in Africa: Access, Distribution, and Participation in Governance
By: Emily Anderson & Hisham Zerriffi

N.2: Review of REDD+ and Carbon-Forestry Projects in RFGI Countries
By: Mukundi Mutasa

N.3: Social Protection in REDD+ Initiatives: A Review
By: Rebecca Rutt

N.4: Studying Local Representation: A Critical Review
By: Prakash Kashwan

N.5: Choix, Reconnaissance et Effets de la Décentralisation sur la Démocratie
By: Jesse Ribot

N.6: The Re-emergence of Customary Authority and its Relation with Democratic Government
By: Emmanuel Nuesiri

N.7: Calling for Democracy? Villagers' Experience of the Production of Class Relations for Ecotourism and Carbon Markets in Niombato, Senegal
By: Rocio Hiraldo

N.8: Quand la Représentation résulte à des Fragmentations d'Identités de Genre
By: Coumba Dem Samb

N.9: Gouvernance Climatique dans le Bassin du Congo: Reconnaissance des Institutions et Redistribution
By: Phil René Oyono

N.10: Zonage des Terres, Conservation des Paysages et Représentation Locale Déboîtée en RD Congo
By: Phil René Oyono & Floribert Ntungila-Nkama

N.11: Representation in REDD: NGOs and Chiefs Privileged over Elected Local Government in Cross River State, Nigeria
By: Emmanuel Nuesiri

N.24: Waiting for democratic representation in Africa's social forests
By: Alois Mandondo and Poonam Jusrut

N.25: Assuming women's representation in carbon forestry projects
By: Doreen Ruta

N.26: Autochthony, democratisation and forest: the politics of choice in Burkina Faso
By: Muriel Cote

N.27: Land governance, local authorities and unrepresentative representation in rural South Sudan
By: Phil Rene Oyono and Deng-Athoi Galuak

N.28: Decentralization, institutional choice and the production of disgruntled community representation under the modified taungya forest management system in Ghana
By: Prine Osei-Wusu Adjei

N.29: REDD stakeholder consultation: symbolic or substantive democratic representation in preparing Uganda for REDD+?
By: Robert Mbeche

N.30: Resources, rents, representation and resistance: the struggle for just conservation on Mount Kilimanjaro
By: Martin Kijazi

N.31: Examining the democracy outcomes of environmental subsidiarity: the case of a carbon forestry initiative from central Mozambique
By: Alois Mandondo

N.32: The process of institutional choice and recognition for decentralized forest management in charcoal producing zones of Tambacounda, Senegal
By: Poonam Jusrut

N.33: Chiefs, representation and non-citizenship in forestry: lessons from the Social Responsibility Agreement in Ghana
By: Frank, K. Agyei

N.34: Leveraging democracy through forestry: field testing version (RFGI Handbook I)
By: Jesse Ribot

N.35: Implementing improved natural resource governance in practice: an action learning handbook for Sub-Saharan Africa (RFGI Handbook II)
By: Edmund Barrow et al.

Annex B: Other RFGI-Related Publications

The researchers in RFGI have turned many of their working papers into published articles and have written additional articles out of the data they collected. This list includes publications that have been published or are in progress as of November 2017.

Conservation & Society Special Issue

- Ece, M., J. Murombedzi, and J. Ribot (eds.) (2018, January). Disempowering democracy: local representation in community and carbon forestry in Africa. A Special Issue Introduction. *Conservation and Society.*
- Instances of Recognition in REDD+ Project Negotiation: Donor-country Dynamics in Central Africa – Gretchen M. Walters and Melis Ece
- Climbing the Ladder of Participation: Symbolic or Substantive Representation in Preparing Uganda for REDD+? – Robert Mbeche
- Feigning Democracy: Performing Representation in UN-REDD Funded Nigeria-REDD Programme – Emmanuel Nuesiri
- Representation through Privatization: Regionalization of Forest Governance in Tambacounda, Senegal – Melis Ece
- Differential Recognition: Producing Injustice in Senegal's Charcoal Market – Papa Faye
- Facipulation and Elite Formation in a Community Resource Management Area in South-Western Ghana – Manali Baruah
- Choices Have Consequences: REDD+ and Local Democracy in Kenya – Susan Wangui Chomba
- Coerced Conservation on Mount Kilimanjaro: Resources, Rents, Representation and Resistance – Martin H. Kijazi

Books and Book Chapters

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- Strengths and limitations of conservation NGOs in meeting local needs - Emmanuel Nuesiri.
- Political representation: a key to strong participatory processes and responsive forest governance - Emmanuel O. Nuesiri
- A review of UN-REDD and World Bank FCPF recommended governance principles for member countries - Rebecca Rutt and Emmanuel O. Nuesiri
- An Appraisal of Village Level Associations for REDD+ Implementation in Buya 1, Bikoro Territory, Democratic Republic of the Congo - Raymond Achu Samndong.
- Towards a new era of multi-stakeholder cooperation: how collaboration and participation can drive transformative change in effective forest management and climate change mitigation: Experiences from Cameroon, Ghana, Mexico, Indonesia, Peru and Uganda - Gretchen Walters and George Akwah

- Does REDD+ lead to a more functional centralization in the forestry sector? The comparative case of Brazil and Indonesia - Harald Fuhr, Markus Lederer, Chris Höhne, Fee Stehle and Thomas Hickmann
- Recognition and the cultivation of sub-national authority from above through REDD+ in Africa - Phil Rene Oyono
- Rhetoric of representation: carbon forestry presentation versus practice in Uganda - Robert Mbeche
- Displacement, power, and REDD+ in Tanzania - Emma Jane Lord and Severine Van Bommel
- Responsive forest governance under REDD+ in Kenya - Susan Chomba and Alfred Gichu
- REDD+ in India: implications for local forest dependent communities - Indu K. Murthy and Vinisha Varghese
- Is REDD+ changing democratic representation? The case of two indigenous communities in the Peruvian Amazon - Carol Burga
- Evolution of Mexico's REDD+ readiness process through the lens of legitimacy - Jovanka Špirić
- Not by participation alone: getting representation right in forest resources governance - Rebecca Rutt and Emmanuel O. Nuesiri

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Annex C: Presentations by the RFGI Team

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- Jesse Ribot.Synthesis Speaker: Rockefeller Foundation Dialogue on Resilience, NY, Aug. 2011.
- Emmanuel Nuesiri. Presentation: Critical Climate Studies Seminar presentation of Customary Authority draft working paper at UIUC. IL, October 2011.

- Emmanuel Nuesiri. Panel Presentation: "Towards an emancipatory and transformative climate change governance agenda." RFGI presentation at Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) 13th General Assembly, Rabat Morocco, 5-9 December, 2011.

In 2012:
- Jesse Ribot. Occupy Nature Teach-in, "Making REDD+ Emancipatory." Earth Summit, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. June 2012.
- Jesse Ribot. ICARUS Plenary Round Table, "Adaptation." Columbia University, NY. May 2012.
- Jesse Ribot. Millennium Villages Series, "Making REDD+ Emancipatory: Comparative Research Rural Democracy." Earth Institute, Columbia University, NY. May 2012.
- Jesse Ribot. Politics Talk, "Choice and Recognition: Local Democracy Effects of Climate Change Interventions." The New School for Social Research, NY. March 2012.
- Jesse Ribot. Conference Synthesis Speaker: Symposium on Land Use in Africa. National Museum of African Art of the Smithsonian, Washington, D.C. March 2012.
- Jesse Ribot. Colloquium Speaker: Climate and Society Seminar Series, "Choice and Recognition: Local Democracy Effects of Climate Change Interventions." Rutgers University, NJ. February 2012.
- Jacques Pollini. "Land use changes on South-West Madagascar's forest frontier: Maladaptations on Adaptations." Department of Geography Colloquium Series, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. October 2012.
- Jacques Pollini. "Agriculture sur abattis brûlis, déforestation, genre et REDD+ en République Démocratique du Congo (Shifting cultivation, deforestation, gender and REDD+ in the Democratic Republic of the Congo)." Presented at the Observatoire Satellital des Forêts d'Afrique Centrale (OSFAC). December 2012.
- Jacques Pollini. "L'écologie politique comme point de rencontre de l'empirisme classique et de l'herméneutique du discours scientifique?" Presented at the international conference "Géographie, écologie, politique: Un climat de changement"organized by Université d'Orléans and Institut de Recherches pour le Développement (IRD). Université d'Orléans, France. September 2012.

In 2013:
- Jesse Ribot. Keynote Speaker: Conference on Building Resilient Communities through Community-Based Forest Management. Faculty of Natural Resources Management, Lakehead University. Ontario, Canada. January 2013.
- Emmanuel Nuesiri. Poster Presentation at the UIUC Society of Postdoctoral Scholars Research Symposium. Illinois. January 2013
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Speaker: Center for African Studies, University of Illinois. Illinois. January 2013.
- Emmanuel Nuesiri. Poster presentation of his RFGI research at the Beckman Institute Open House. Illinois. March 2013.

- Jesse Ribot. Invited Public Lecture on Climate Change at the University of Copenhagen. May 2013.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Speaker: 40th Anniversary of the *Journal of Peasant Studies*. Yale University. September 2013.
- Jacques Pollini. "REDD+ and shifting cultivation in DR-Congo: Will adaptation and mitigation turn maladaptive?" Conference of the International Society of Tropical Foresters at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Conference Theme: "Food & Forests: Cultivating Resilient Landscapes." Yale University. January 2013.
- Jacques Pollini. "La prise en compte de la dimension genre dans la REDD+ en RDC. " UNDP Workshop on Gender and REDD+. Kinshasa, DRC. December 2013.

In 2014:
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Speaker: "Farce of the Commons: Humor, Irony and Subordination through a Camera's Lens." Department of Anthropology, University of Bern. September 2014.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Speaker: "Climate Change and the Human Sciences." Speaker Series in the Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory, University of Chicago (By invitation of Dipesh Chakrabarty). May 2014.
- Jacques Pollini. "Women's representation in REDD+: the case of village farmers' associations Democratic Republic of Congo." RFGI Workshop on *Emancipatory Forestry: Making REDD Democratic?* University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. February 2014.
- Emmanuel Nuesiri. "All adaption is local: Local government capacity and climate change." *4th Annual Postdoctoral Research Symposium* at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. January 2014.
- Emmanuel Nuesiri. "Symbolic democracy as social safeguard in REDD+: The case of the UN-REDD Programme in Nigeria." RFGI Workshop on *Emancipatory Forestry: Making REDD Democratic?* University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. February 2014.
- Emmanuel Nuesiri. "Symbolic democracy as social safeguard in REDD+: The case of the UN-REDD Programme in Nigeria." Department of Geography and GIS Colloquium Series, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 2014.
- Emmanuel Nuesiri. "Africa rising but we have been here before." African Students Organization (ASO) 11th Annual Forum. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. April 2014.
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- Papa Faye. "Studying Senegal's Forest Management Projects as proxies for REDD initiatives". RFGI Workshop on *Emancipatory Forestry: Making REDD+ Democratic?* University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. February 2014.

In 2015:
- Jacques Pollini. "Land use changes on a forest frontier in South-West Madagascar's : Past, present and future." Presented at the 10th Madagascar Workshop, "Language, Land and Labour." Indian Ocean World Centre, McGill University. May 2015.
- Jacques Pollini. "REDD in real: The impacts of REDD+ and proto-REDD+ projects on rural communities in DR-CONGO and Cameroon." Presented at the Initiative on Climate Adaptation Research and Understanding through the Social Changes (ICARUS), Fourth Global Meeting. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. May 2015.
- Jesse Ribot. Keynote Speaker, "Power in Natural Resource Access," at Power in political ecology workshop, Bergen, November 2015. Drew some theoretical lines out of the research program of RFGI done in Eastern Senegal by Papa Faye.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Speaker, "Cause and Blame in the Anthropocene," African Studies, Northwestern University, April 2015. Presented RFGI findings and discussed their implications for adaptation responsibility.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Speaker, "Local Authority and the Production of Democracy" and "Local Authority in Natural Resources Management" at Decentralisation Reforms – Local Governance – Local and Territorial Development conference of the EU, Brussels April 2015. Here I presented the theoretical framing of RFGI to EU practitioners – EU has taken this framework up as part of their approach to local democracy in Africa.
- Jesse Ribot. "Governance" in COP21 Side Event on "Non-Carbon Benefits of REDD+ in Africa" of the ClimDev-Africa Group. Paris, 5 December 2015.
- James Murombedzi. "Chair" COP21 Side Event on "Non-Carbon Benefits of FRDD+ in Africa" of the ClimDev-Africa Group. Paris, 5 December 2015.
- Jesse Ribot. Final Synthesis Discussant, Forests & Livelihoods: Assessment, Research, and Engagement (FLARE), Paris, Nov. 2015. Spoke to issues of representation in REDD+ drawn from the RFGI findings.
- Alois Mancondo presented a draft paper at the Upper Mid-West Political Ecology Workshop at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. His paper was: Mandondo, Alois. 2015 From prazeiros to the 'Last Man': a longer and broader look at the democracy implications of institutional choices arrayed for REDD+ implementation in Mozambique. Paper Presented at the Upper Mid-West Workshop, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 9-11 October 2015.

In 2016:
- Jesse Ribot. Speaker, Environmental Institutions Seminar at the Nicholas School of the Environment, Duke University, 15 April 2016. Will be speaking on the research findings of RFGI to make arguments about responsibility and collective decision making.

- Jesse Ribot. Keynote Speaker, Third International Conference of the Thematic Group Sociology of Risk and Uncertainty of the International Sociological Association (ISA), Mexico City Feb. 2016.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited SESYNC Distinguished Scholar-Lecturer, "Climate and Social Vulnerability: Analytics of Cause and Responsibility," National Socio-environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC), Annapolis. Nov. 2016.
- Jesse Ribot. Fellow Speaker, "Cause and Blame under a Changing Sky," Center for Advanced Studies in Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University. October 2016.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Panelist, Panel discussion on: [The Conflict Potential of Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation: Backdraft Revisited](). Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Washington, DC. September 2016.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Speaker, "Climate and Vulnerability Analytics and Field Research Methods on Access and Risk," College of Cooperatives of Qingdao University, Shandong Province, China, June 2016.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Speaker, "The Dangers of Explaining Climate Crisis – The Contentiousness of Cause," China Agricultural University, Beijing, May 2016.
- Jesse Ribot. Keynote Speaker, "Social Causality of our Common Climate Crisis," European Meeting of the International Association for the Study of Commons; Commons in a 'Glocal' World: Global Connections and Local Responses. Bern, Switzerland, 10-12 May 2016.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Speaker, "Unflattening the World: Cause and Responsibility under a Humanist Sky," Symposium on Global Governance/Politics: Climate Justice and Agrarian/Social Justice – Linkages and Challenges, Institute for Social Studies, The Hague, 3-4 February 2016.
- Jesse Ribot. Keynote Speaker, "Generating Vulnerability: Regulating Access to Forest Profits in Senegal," Contested resources, competing claims, conflicting policies: Climate change mitigation/adaptation/conservation & agricultural concessions, food security & democratization and peace-building; a National Dialogue in Myanmar. Yangon 26-27 Jan. 2016.

In 2017:
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Speaker, "Climate and Social Vulnerability" Institute for Sustainability, Energy and the Environment annual conference, University of Illinois. Sept. 2017.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Discussant "Access" This is a conference organized by the Center for International Forestry Research to produce a journal special issue based on Ribot and Peluso 2003 article on theory of access. International Association for the Study of Commons, Utrecht. July 2017.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Lecture, "Access and Vulnerability," Institute for Social Studies, The Hague. July 2017.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Lecture, "Framing Vulnerability and Migration," Rule and Rupture Summer Institute, University of Copenhagen, Skågen, Denmark, July 2017.

In 2018:
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Lecture, "Social Contract Failures as Causes of Sahelian Emigration: The Case of Eastern Senegal," The World Bank, World Development Report 2017 Team. Washington, DC. March 2018.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Lectures (co-presented with Papa Faye), "Migrants Don't Fall from the Sky: Roles of Local Government in Emigration Decisions," Practitioner lecture (to Swedish Mayors) and Scholarly Lecture (University of Lund), International Center for Local Democracy, Malmö/Lund, Sweden. Feb. 2018.
- Jesse Ribot. Keynote Speaker, "Cause and Responsibility in the Anthropocene: Sociodicy under a Changing Sky" Development Days 2018 conference on The politics of sustainability: Re-thinking resources, values and justice, University of Helsinki, Finland. Feb. 2018

RFGI Presentations at ICARUS Conferences by UIUC Team
- Nuesiri, E. "Not by Participation Alone: Assessing the UN REDD Programme and its Likely Impact on Local Democracy." ICARUS III Conference (Scales, Frameworks and Metrics). Columbia University. New York, May 2012.
- Burga, C. "Running the Risk of Undermining Livelihoods while Mitigating Climate Change. REDD and Micropolitics in the Peruvian Amazon." ICARUS IV Conference (Causes of Vulnerability and Livelihoods of the Poor). University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Illinois, May 2015.
- Pollini, J. "REDD in real: The impacts of REDD and proto-REDD projects on rural landscapes in DR-Congo and Cameroon." ICARUS IV Conference (Causes of Vulnerability and Livelihoods of the Poor). University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Illinois, May 2015.
- Chomba, S. "Where there is a right there is a way? How land tenure underpins rural vulnerability." ICARUS IV Conference (Causes of Vulnerability and Livelihoods of the Poor). University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Illinois, May 2015.

- Nuesiri, E. "Representation in REDD: Who Speaks for Vulnerable Local People." ICARUS IV Conference (Causes of Vulnerability and Livelihoods of the Poor). University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Illinois, May 2015.

Presentations of RFGI-Related Research in the University of Illinois Social Dimensions of Environmental Policy Speakers Series
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- Emmanuel Nuesiri. "Carbon forestry and poverty alleviation: The more things change, the more they stay the same." SDEP Speakers Series, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. 25 January 2013.

- Jacques Pollini. "Land use changes on South-West Madagascar's forest frontier: Maladaptations on Adaptations." Department of Geography Colloquium Series, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. October 2012.

Annex D: RFGI Newsletters

RFGI Newsletter Vol. 1.1 – About the RFGI, December 2011

RFGI Newsletter Vol. 2.1 – Launching the Responsive Forest Governance Initiative, April 2012

RFGI Newsletter Vol. 2.2 – The RFGI Journey So Far, September 2012

RFGI Newsletter Vol. 3.1 – RFGI in 2014: How Far Have We Come?, June 2014

Annex E: All Publications of SDEP Program on Democracy and Environment

2018 and Forthcoming
- Ece, M., J. Murombedzi and J. Ribot (eds.). (2018). Disempowering Democracy: Local Representation in Community and Carbon Forestry in Africa. A Special Issue Introduction. *Conservation and Society*
- **Nuesiri, O.** (2018). Strengths and limitations of conservation NGOs in meeting local needs. In: P.B. Larsen and D. Brockington (eds). The Anthropology of Conservation NGOs: Rethinking the Boundaries. London: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 203-225.
- Samndong, R. A., and D. J. Kjosavik. (2017). Gendered forests: exploring gender dimensions in forest governance and REDD+ in Équateur Province, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Ecology and Society, 22(4):34.

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- **Ribot, J.** (2017). Choosing democracy: natural resource management for environmental policy makers, donors and practitioners. The Swedish International Center for Local Democracy (ICLD).
- Faye, P. (2017). The politics of recognition, and the manufacturing of citizenship and identity in Senegal's decentralised charcoal market. *Review of African Political Economy,* http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/03056244.2017.1295366.
- Ribot, J. (2017). Vulnerability does not Fall from the Sky: Addressing a Risk Conundrum. In: R. Kasperson, K. Dow, and N. Pidgeon (eds.), *Risk Conundrums: Solving Unsolvable Problems*. London: Earthscan.

- Faye, P. and J. Ribot. (2017). Causes for Adaptation: Access to Forests, Markets and Representation in Eastern Senegal. *Sustainability*. Vol. 9, No. 311.
- Agyei, F.K. and P.O.W. Adjei. (2017). Representation without Accountability: Experiences from the Social Responsibility Agreement in Ghana. *Forest Policy and Economics*, 80, 34-43.
- Faye, P., T. Haller and J. Ribot. (2017). Shaping Rules and Practice for More Justice. Local Conventions and Local Resistance in Eastern Senegal. *Human Ecology,* pp.1-11. doi 10.1007/s10745-017-9918-1.
- Prince Osei-Wusu Adjei, Abrefa Kwaku Busia and George Meyiri Bob-Milliar. (2017). Democratic decentralization and disempowerment of traditional authorities under Ghana's
  local governance and development system: a spatio-temporal review. *Journal of Political Power*,
  10(3), 303-25.
- Milgroom, J. and J. Ribot. (Forthcoming). "Access and Authority in the Great Limpopo Transmigration Program." *This article will be part of a special issue on Theory of Access*.
- Adjei, P.O.W and Agyei, F. K. (Forthcoming). Assessment of community representation outcomes of the Modified Taungya System as a decentralized forest governance strategy in Ghana. *Journal of Forestry Research* (Springer).
- Dill, B., and A. Chhatre. Forthcoming. *Renewable Power in the Age of Globalization.* Springer.
- Nuesiri, E. O. and R.L. Rutt. (Book under review by Palgrave-Macmillan). *Not by participation alone: responsive representation in forestry and climate change mitigation programmes.*
- Kalame F., Somorin O., Osafo Y. and Nuesiri E. (Forthcoming), Evolution of REDD+ in Africa. Book Chapter in: *Africa in UNFCCC Negotiations*. Addis Ababa: UN-ECA.
- Mbeche R. (Forthcoming) Climbing the ladder of participation: symbolic or substantive representation in preparing Uganda for REDD+? Submitted to *Conservation and Society*

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- **Chomba, S., Kariuki, J., Lund, J.F. and Sinclair, F** (2016). Roots of inequity: how the implementation of REDD+ reinforces past injustices. *Land Use Policy.*
- Baruah, M., S. Bobtoya, P. Mbile, and G. Walters. (2016). Governance of restoration and institutions: Working with Ghana's Community Resource Management Areas. *World Development Perspectives*, 3, 38-41.
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- Davies, J., P. Herrera, J. Ruiz-Mirazo, J. Mohamed-Katerere, I. Hannam, and **E.O. Nuesiri**. (2016).Improving governance of pastoral lands: Implementing the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security. *Governance of Tenure Technical Guide No. 6. Rome, IT: UN Food and Agriculture Organization.*

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- Faye, Papa. (2016). Adding Scepticism About â€˜Environmentalityâ€™: Gender Exclusion Through a Natural Resources Collectivization Initiative in Dionewar, Senegal. In: P. Bose and H. van Dijk (eds). Dryland Forests: Management and Social Diversity in Africa and Asia. *Springer,* pp. 95-114.

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- **Mutasa, M**. (2015). Review of REDD+ and Carbon-Forestry Projects in RFGI Countries. *RFGI Working Paper No.2*. Dakar: CODESRIA.
- **Rutt, R**. (2015). Social Protection in REDD+ Initiatives: A Review. *RFGI Working Paper No.3*. Dakar: CODESRIA.
- **Kashwan, P**. (2015). Studying Local Representation: A Critical Review. *RFGI Working Paper No.4*. Dakar: CODESRIA.
- **Ribot, J**. (2015). Choix, Reconnaissance et Effets de la Décentralisation sur la Démocratie. *RFGI Working Paper No.5*. Dakar: CODESRIA.
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- **Hiraldo, R**. (2015). Calling for Democracy? Villagers' Experience of the Production of Class Relations for Ecotourism and Carbon Markets in Niombato, Senegal. *RFGI Working Paper No.7*. Dakar: CODESRIA.
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- **Nuesiri, E. (2015)**. Representation in REDD: NGOs and Chiefs Privileged over Elected Local Government in Cross River State, Nigeria. *RFGI Working Paper No.11*. Dakar: CODESRIA.
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- **Namara, A.** (2015). At the Expense of Democracy: Payment for Ecosystem Services in Hoima District, Uganda. *RFGI Working Paper No.14*. Dakar: CODESRIA.
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