

**UF's REDD+ WORKING GROUP WEEKLY SEMINAR
SPRING 2017**

Current Title: REDD+ and Climate Change Adaptation: articulation of climate change and conservation research and action in tropical countries

More realistic course title:

**Tropical Forest Policies, Economics, and Conservation Discussion Group
BOT 6935, SECTION 1492, Period 6, 12:50-1:40 PM, Thursdays, 221 Carr Hall
(NOTE: different room than in the course catalogue)**

Since this group started meeting weekly in 2008, the focus has broadened from an initial emphasis on REDD+ (reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and forest degradation while enhancing carbon stocks through improved management) to include consideration of other types of conservation interventions. This semester the group will continue to follow REDD+ and in general the Paris outcomes, but will also pay attention to socio-economic and policy environmental landscapes that could foster mitigation and adaptation to the inevitable changes in global climates as well as to other efforts at conservation.

This 0-2 credit seminar-style course has the following objectives:

- a. Maintain a critical eye on instruments designed to promote conservation in the tropics through reductions in emissions of atmospheric heat-trapping gases and etc.
- b. Critically evaluate other sorts of conservation interventions from ecological as well as economic, social, and political perspectives.
- c. Identify and discuss those elements that need to be part of the process of **adaptation** to climate change, with emphasis on tropical countries.
- d. Understand the roles researchers can play in conservation, particularly in the evaluation and enhancement of efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change and in promoting policy innovation and experimentation.

We will read current literature on these and related issues and try to maintain the vibrant dynamics that have always characterized the REDD Working Group. If you are interested in participating, please register or e-mail Claudia Romero (romero@ufl.edu) or Jack Putz (fep@ufl.edu). We will meet for an hour on Thursdays at 12:50 PM (Period 6) in 221 Carr Hall. You can register for 1-2 credits under BOT 6935 (REDD+ Working Group, Section 1227) or just attend for free.

Emerging from the REDD+ WG over the last few years four successful workshops:

1. **Spring 2013** -*Projecting the Future of REDD+ Landscapes with Agent-Based Models*
2. **Spring 2015** -*Systematic Review Methodologies*; and,
3. **Fall 2015** -*Behavioral Economics*.
4. **Spring 2016** - *Applied Community-Oriented Conservation Skills Workshop*.

Suggestions for a Spring 2017 workshop are encouraged.