

UF's REDD+ WORKING GROUP WEEKLY SEMINAR

FALL 2014

Title: REDD+ and Climate Change Adaptation: possibilities for articulating climate change research and action in tropical countries

BOT 6935, SECTION 1E97, Period 6, 12:50-1:40 PM, Thursdays, 221 Carr Hall (not as in the course catalogue)

Since this group started meeting weekly in 2008, the focus has broadened from an initial focus 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 closely follow REDD+, but will also pay attention to adaptations to the inevitable changes in global climates as well as to other efforts at conservation. This 1-2 credit seminar-style course has the following objectives:

- a. Maintain a critical eye on the instruments designed to reduce emissions of atmospheric heat-trapping gases.
- b. Critically evaluate other sorts of conservation interventions in the tropics 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.

We will read current literature on these and related issues and try to maintain the vibrant dynamics of the REDD Working Group.

If you are interested in participating, please 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 1E97) or just attend for free.