

# Tropical Forest Conservation: Policies, Economics, and Effectiveness

## *Discussion Group*

Fall 2020

Short Title (for catalogue): Tropical Conservation  
BOT 6935 (Class # 21355), Period E1, 7:20-8:10 PM, Thursdays, ON-LINE  
0-1 credits

Since this group started its weekly meetings in 2008 the focus broadened from emphasis on REDD+ to include other conservation interventions. Our focus always depends on the interests of participants, but our attention will most likely be on the socio-economic and policy environmental landscapes that foster or interfere with achievement of conservation and development goals. This working group provides weekly opportunities to read about and then discuss the many tradeoffs and other issues related to conservation and development.

This semester we will read current literature on these and related issues and try to maintain the vibrant dynamics that have always characterized this Working Group. To give you a taste of the sorts of papers we read, one for this semester might be: Delabre et al. 2020. *Unearthing the myths of global sustainable forest governance. Global Sustainability 3: e16, 1-10.* <https://doi.org/10.1017/sus.2-2-.11>. If you find this paper interesting, you'll probably appreciate participating in this seminar course.

If you want to join, please register or e-mail Claudia Romero ([romero@ufl.edu](mailto:romero@ufl.edu)) or Jack Putz ([fep@ufl.edu](mailto:fep@ufl.edu)). You can register for 1 credit under BOT 6935 (Class # 21355) or just attend for free.

Emerging from this Working Group over the last few years were four successful workshops:

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

Perhaps for the upcoming semester there is a topic on which we should organize another workshop?