

The University of Florida Center for Latin American Studies & The Tropical Conservation and Development Program proudly present:

The Bacardi Lecture Series  
*Envisioning a Sustainable Tropics*

***Jurisdictional Low-Emission  
Rural Development in Brazil &  
Indonesia***

Claudia Stickler, Earth Innovation Institute

Innovative, holistic approaches are needed to integrate climate change mitigation and adaptation goals with concerns for human well-being. Low-Emission Rural Development (LED-R) is an example of this new approach in which climate stability is an explicit goal and which focuses on rural populations and that integrates concerns for both socioeconomic development and environment. LED-R is distinguished by its focus on multi-sector, participatory approaches that incorporate robust research into decision-making processes, engage industry, build local capacity and empower local institutions and civil society to drive positive change at scale. This presentation will describe the characteristics of LED-R—a jurisdictional or regional approach to sustainability—examining examples from Mato Grosso, Brazil, and Central Kalimantan, Indonesia.



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Claudia Stickler received her B.S. in biology and international political economy from the University of Puget Sound and her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Interdisciplinary Ecology from the University of Florida. Her research has focused on the ecological and economic trade-offs of alternative land-uses and alternative conservation and development policies and practices in tropical regions. Claudia was a post-doctoral research fellow at the Woods Hole Research Center and a researcher at the Instituto de Pesquisa Ambiental da Amazônia before joining the Earth Innovation Institute as a staff scientist. She currently coordinates the Sustainable Tropics Alliance, a strategic partnership of independent, non-governmental organizations that draw on research, multi-stakeholder engagement and local knowledge to improve rural livelihoods through sustainable low-emissions land use and natural resource management in key regions of the tropics.

**April 2 @ 10:40-11:40am**  
**Grinter Hall, Room 376**

Refreshments to follow lecture