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Forty Years of Amazon Research in São Felix do Xingu

Talk by Marianne Schmink, PhD

Professor Emerita | Center for Latin American Studies, TCD, Anthropology

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12:45- 1:45pm

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Biography:

Marianne Schmink received his PhD in Anthropology from the University of Texas at Austin. She is the former director of the TCD Program and a professor emerita for the Center for Latin American Studies and the Anthropology department. Since 1980, she has worked to build interdisciplinary research and training programs in the Center, integrating social science and natural science perspectives to address conservation and development issues with a focus on the Amazon region. She also has served as a consultant for many foundations and development organizations throughout her career. Over the years she has worked with colleagues to raise significant grant and endowment funds to support fellowships, research grants, internships, and other activities for UF students and faculty. Dr. Schmink has carried out research in the Brazilian Amazon region for the past 25 years, has published numerous books and articles, and has taught courses related to conservation and development at UF.

Content:

Dr. Schmink will introduce and show the 25-minute 2012 video entitled "Sao Felix do Xingu: Stories of Occupation in the Heart of Amazonia" (described below), and briefly present preliminary results of her 2014 field research in this iconic site in Brazilian Amazonia.

"In 1992, North-American anthropologist Marianne Schmink and sociologist Charles H. Wood published *Contested Frontiers in Amazonia* (Columbia University Press, New York, 1992), a seminal book on Amazonian Studies. Twenty years later, on occasion of the publishing of the Brazilian version of the book, professor Schmink returns to the county of São Felix do Xingu in the Amazonian state of Pará, to revisit the object of her research in the 70's and 80's. After going through several economic cycles, will the county with the second largest cattle herd in Brazil find a more sustainable path to its development in the heart of Amazonia?"

Tropilunch is a weekly seminar run by graduate students from the Tropical Conservation and Development (TCD) Program. It provides a forum for a range of discussions and presentations related to TCD work and research. Students are provided with an opportunity to present and discuss their research projects with peers and faculty. In addition, discussion sessions on issues of current interest are also held. Visiting scholars and conservation practitioners also participate when available. It is held every Tuesday at 12:45 p.m.