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## **Brazilian Forest Code instruments to foster law compliance**

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**Content:** The Brazilian Forest Code (FC) is the main legal instrument to protect and recover native vegetation on private lands in Brazil. The FC requires landowners to maintain “permanent protected areas” as well as a percentage of their properties as natural vegetation. Although the FC law has potential to be a powerful conservation tool, low compliance and poor enforcement reduces its impact on forest conservation. The FC outlines use of disincentives (e.g. law enforcement with fines) and incentives (e.g. payment for environment services) for compliance. While economic incentives can promote conservation and forest restoration, law enforcement may be more effective and efficient under certain conditions. Ana Carolina’s dissertation work will explore how to optimize the cost-effectiveness and equity of the FC instruments in the Rio Claro municipality of Rio de Janeiro. In addition to sharing her research with the TCD community, Ana Carolina’s presentation will hopefully serve as an opportunity for her to receive constructive feedback on her proposal from TCD people.

**Biography:** Ana Carolina is a doctoral student in the School of Natural Resources and the Environment, advised by Jack Putz. She was born and raised in Brazil, where she received a bachelor’s degree in Biology (Bio-UFRJ) and a master’s degree in Energy and Environment Planning (PPE-COPPE-UFRJ) from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. Broadly speaking, her academic interest is in conservation policy. Her Master’s thesis focused on degraded forests and REDD+, and her PhD research focuses on compliance with the Brazilian Forest Code and the impacts of payments for environmental services.

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