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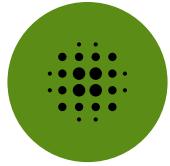
FRIDAY 5 JUNE

14:30 - 17:00

AGENDA

14:30 - 14:45	Welcome Prof. Jane Hill, Interim Director of the York Environmental Sustainability Institute Ice breaker: Where in the world would you like to be?
14:45 - 14:55	Rainforests on the edge: palm oil and forest fragmentation Jacob Anderson
14:55 - 15:05	Zero-deforestation palm oil threatens tropical grassy and dry forest biomes Susannah Fleiss
15:05 - 15:15	Inequality and the environment Caroline Ward
15:15 - 15:30	Break
15:30 - 15:40	Sustainability, private standards and public regulation - organic food production in Brazil Patricia Prado, The York Management School/Politics and Paulina Flores Martinez, Politics/Environment and Geography, IKnowFood
15:40 - 15:50	Opportunities for transformation: Bridging divides at the science-policy interface Adam Hejnowicz,
15:50 - 16:00	The contribution of non-native species to European mammal diversity Jack Hatfield
16:00 - 16:30	Breakout room discussions
16:30 - 16:50	Quiz Show and Tell – Best virtual strawberries and cream...pet... child...or anything else you'd like to share!
16:50 - 17:00	Close Prof. Jane Hill, YESI Interim Director

SPEAKER BIOS



JACOB ANDERSON

Jake is a second-year PhD student studying the effects of rainforest fragmentation on tropical plant communities and carbon stocks. His work focuses on forest edges that border oil palm plantations, where changes in plant community composition and above ground biomass may have consequences for oil palm sustainability.



SUSANNAH FLEISS

Susannah is in the final year of her PhD, focusing on the environmental sustainability of oil palm agriculture. Her research addresses how ecosystem services and biodiversity can best be maintained in the face of industrial oil palm expansion. Susannah conducts studies at both a local and global scale, and has conducted fieldwork for her research in Sabah, Malaysian Borneo. She also works in partnership with a community conservation cooperative in Sabah, KOPEL, and has helped estimate carbon sequestration from their habitat restoration activities. She is supervised by Jane Hill in the Department of Biology, and her project is jointly funded by Unilever and the University of York and affiliated to the SEnSOR (Socially and Environmentally Sustainable Oil Palm Research) programme.



CAROLINE WARD

Caroline is a post-doctoral researcher working on the relationships between socio-economic inequalities and the environment, as part of the Leverhulme Centre for Anthropocene Biodiversity (LCAB). Before starting at York, She worked as a postdoc at Leeds University on multiple projects linking local communities and conservation initiatives, including peatland restoration in Indonesia, and the establishment of a new transboundary protected area in Ghana and Togo. Her PhD investigated local community participation in protected areas in Madagascar, previous to that she worked on numerous conservation projects around the world.

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PATRICIA PRADO

Dr Patricia Prado is a Post Doctoral Research Associate working on IKnowFood Project Supply Chain Research Theme. Her current research investigates how structures, institutions and relationships support or undermine sustainable and resilient agrifood global value chains (GVCs), and how this information can be used to support decision making for enhanced UK food security. She has a central role in the soy governance research and fieldwork carried out in Brazil. Her research interests include: food systems, sustainability in supply chains, business models and innovation, governance of agrifood GVCs; Latin America/Brazil, soy, Amazon emerging commodities, agroecology and organic production.



PAULINA FLORES MARTINEZ

Paulina is a 1st year PhD student in Environment and Politics, she works with the Sustainable Consumption and Production group at SEI-York and is a research assistant for the IKnowFood project in the Supply Chain group. Recently she has collaborated with the analysis of the global value chain of soy. The aim of her PhD research is to investigate the governance of sustainability with respect to Mexico's agro-export sector. Specifically, to explore the participation of Mexican farmers and agri-businesses in global value chains (GVCs), in the face of increasing evidence of strong linkages between agriculture, climate change and biodiversity loss. She is supervised by Prof Tony Heron and Dr Chris West.

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ADAM HEJNOWICZ

Dr Adam P Hejnowicz is a social-ecological scientist, he is a postdoctoral research associate at the University of Sheffield's Department of Animal and Plant Sciences and a visiting research associate at the University of York's Biology Department. Adam is part of the Centre for the Evaluation of Complexity Across the Nexus (CECAN). Adam has recently been appointed as a Fellow for the Transformations Systems Mapping and Analysis Working Group and Co-Lead Steward for the Transforming Evaluations of the SDG Transformations Forum. Adam is particularly interested in interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches and the application of mixed, hybrid and participatory methodologies to solve collective action and decision-making problems. His interests lie at the intersection of environment, development and sustainability, especially as they relate to issues around land use change and agriculture, and more broadly water-energy-food systems, in the context of livelihoods, economic development, urbanisation and transformative change – both from a Global North and Global South perspective.



JACK HATFIELD

Jack started his career at Imperial College London examining the effects of habitat loss and fragmentation on Neotropical bird communities. His focuses included community turnover, functional connectivity, species traits and dispersal. After this he moved to UKCEH to work on a wide range of projects within the topic areas of biodiversity change, ecosystem services and citizen science. He now works at the Leverhulme Centre for Anthropocene Biodiversity at York, as a data analyst researching the causes and impacts of biodiversity change.



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