



IFRI Post Doc Applicant Lecture Kelly Garbach

Friday, November 18th, 2011

12:15 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

1024 Dana Building

“Linking Social and Ecological Systems to Sustain Ecosystem Services in a Tropical Landscape”

Kelly Garbach is Ph.D. candidate in the Graduate Group in Ecology at the University of California Davis. Her research evaluates relationships between social processes, environmental policies, and ecological outcomes. Ms. Garbach worked as a Fulbright Scholar in Costa Rica (2008-09) investigating the effects of Payment for Ecosystem Services on stimulating use of on-farm conservation practices and their outcomes in tropical cattle ranches. She integrates social and ecological analysis to examine how changes in land use influence the availability and spatial distribution of ecosystem services.

Ms. Garbach also uses social network work analysis to examine how community networks and partnerships can support natural resource management. She has served as consultant to USAID and the Academy for Educational Development (2010-11), evaluating the role of social networks in sustainability of dairy systems in Kenya, ecological tourism in the Dominican Republic. Her research collaborations include work on the sub-global portion of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and co-authoring a chapter in the recently published book “Ecosystems and Human Well-being, A manual for Assessment Practitioners.”



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