

Land use and human well-being changes in the context of conservation and cash crop booms: case studies from Madagascar

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This presentation will provide insights from three protected areas in Madagascar with different degrees of success in halting deforestation while sustaining human well-being. These examples will trigger discussion about how land use and well-being dynamics might interact in the forest-agriculture interface in the Global South. Key inputs to the session will include insights on the unexpected effects that protected areas implementation might have on on-going deforestation dynamics, on the problematic role played by cash crop booms in the forest frontier, and on the neglected impact of extreme weather events on the well-being of populations which in turn drive landscape change.