OIGP Social Justice Seminar Series

Towards Justice as Recognition: Examining the Politics of Indigenous Representation in Global Conservation Governance

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Bio: Dr. Marion Suiseeya received her PhD in Environmental Science and Policy from Duke University in 2014. Her areas of expertise include environmental justice, global environmental governance, political ecology, and the politics of biodiversity conservation in Laos and mainland Southeast Asia. Her research centers on questions of norms, institutions, and justice in global forest governance. She is particularly interested in understanding how the architectures for global conservation policies affect the lives of forest peoples in very localized contexts.

Abstract: Over the past 30 years, scholars, practitioners, and policy makers have sought to transform global conservation efforts from being the source of injustice for forest-dependent communities towards being, at a minimum, initiatives that “do no harm.” As part of this quest, actors in global conservation governance have adopted a set of justice practices aimed at facilitating justice at the community level, primarily focusing on enhancing procedural and distributional justice. In this talk, Dr. Marion Suiseeya argues that the pursuit of these two dimensions of justice is insufficient for promoting just conservation. Instead, more attention to justice as recognition is required. This presentation will introduce Dr. Marion Suiseeya’s research drawing from data collected at two global environmental policy-making events that aims to uncover the barriers to and opportunities for facilitating justice as recognition. She will also discuss plans to examine indigenous access and influence at the upcoming Paris climate negotiations.

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