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Suzi Kerr is a Senior Fellow at Motu, a Principal Investigator in Te Pūnaha Matatini (a centre of research excellence focused on networks and complex systems), and an Adjunct Professor at Victoria University. She is a member of and special adviser to the New Zealand Interim Climate Change Commission. She graduated from Harvard University in 1995 with a PhD in Economics. From 1998 to 2009 she was the founding Director of Motu. In 2010 she won the NZIER Economics Award. She has also worked at the University of Maryland at College Park, Resources for the Future (USA), the Joint Center for the Science and Policy of Global Change at MIT, and was a Visiting Professor at Stanford University and the University of the Andes in Bogotá, Colombia. She is a member of the Air New Zealand Sustainability Panel and, in 2018, is President of the Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society. Her current research work focuses on climate change. She empirically and theoretically investigates domestic and international climate change policy with special emphasis on emissions pricing and land use in both the tropics and New Zealand. She has led and co-led several large international projects including the writing of the World Bank and ICAP handbook on emissions trading 'Emissions Trading in Practice'.



Robert Heilmayr: Assistant Professor, UC Santa Barbara

Robert Heilmayr is an assistant professor of environmental and ecological economics at the University of California, Santa Barbara's Environmental Studies Program and the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management. Heilmayr combines approaches from economics, geography and ecology to explore the way society uses and governs natural resources. Heilmayr's current research focus is on the impact of nonstate policies to end deforestation. Heilmayr received his B.A. in Environment, Economics and Politics from Claremont McKenna College, his M.A. in Economics from Stanford University, and his Ph.D. in Environment and Resources from Stanford University.



Seong-il Kim: Professor, Seoul National University

Dr. Seong-il Kim is a leading scholar in ecotourism and nature conservation in Korea. He has also played an important role in introducing sustainable tourism concept to Korea through writing, public speaking, government committees, and NGOs involvement. He has had a lot of exposure to the media with the issues particularly focused on North Korea reforestation and conservation activities and partnerships in Asian context. He established a community education center in a small rural area teaching rural tourism and leadership, serving the voluntary dean for 15 years until now. He has been a president of Korea Ecotourism Society since its establishment in 2010. At the international level, he was an appointed Councillor of IUCN (<https://www.iucn.org>) as well as a Regional Vice-Chair of World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) during 2009-2012. For VCS (non-governmental climate action group <http://www.v-c-s.org>), he served a regional advisor for Asia in 2012. In Korea, he has been commissioner of the Presidential Committee on Green Growth specializing climate change issues and sustainable development for 4 years since 2010.



Ruben Lubowski: Chief Natural Resource Economist, EDF

Before joining EDF, Ruben spent five years at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service as a natural resource and agricultural economist and the agency's specialist on land use. He also developed and managed environmental projects in Latin America at the United Nations Development Program and conducted research at the World Bank and the Harvard Institute for International Development. Ruben spent two years in rainforest communities in Sri Lanka designing and conducting surveys to quantify the value of forest products. His dissertation was the first nationwide statistical analysis of land-use changes in the United States. He received his Ph.D. and master's degree in Political Economy and Government and his bachelor's degree from Harvard University.



Alex Hanafi: Director, Multilateral Climate Strategy and Lead Counsel, EDF

Prior to joining EDF, Alex was a negotiation advisor and instructor for an international negotiation consulting firm based in Boston, Massachusetts. During private practice in law firms in San Francisco and Washington, D.C., he counseled clients in negotiating complex environmental disputes. Alex has provided strategic advice and assistance to public interest lawyers and policy advocates from more than 60 countries in their efforts to reform environmental and human rights laws and strengthen public participation in governmental decision making. His international experience includes over 10 years living and working in Europe, Africa, and Asia. He is a Senior Fellow of the Environmental Leadership Program and a Luce Scholar. Alex is an honors graduate of Harvard Law School, where he was elected Editor-in-Chief of the Harvard Environmental Law Review. He received his undergraduate degree in biology and art history magna cum laude from Duke University, where he was an Angier B. Duke Scholar.



Angela Inés Cadena Monroy: Assistant Professor, Universidad de los Andes

Dr. Angela Ines Cadena Monroy is an Associate Professor in the Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department at the University of los Andes, Bogotá. She has a PhD in Management Sciences from the University of Geneva. She has more than 30 years of professional and academic experience devoted to energy policy design and regulatory analysis; energy economy and environmental modelling; and evaluation of climate change mitigation actions. At Uniandes, she has been leading research projects aimed at building the MACCs for the Sectorial Mitigation Plans and advising the Government to define the iNDC. She has also developed research project related to smart grids for different Colombian utilities and public sector organisations. Angela was the General Director of the National Energy and Mining Planning Office (UPME). She oversaw production of the National Energy and Mining Strategies and the Electric Power Generation and Transmission Plans. She has been involved heavily in the ongoing dialogue regarding Colombia's UNFCCC processes as well as renewable integration and demand-side management.



Santiago Saavedra Pineda: Assistant Professor, Universidad del Rosario

Santiago Saavedra is an assistant professor of economics at Universidad del Rosario-Colombia. His research interests are at the intersection of development and environmental economics. In particular, how economic development affects natural resources, and how this in turn affects the path out of poverty. To overcome data availability limitations, he uses spatial data and machine learning. He has studied the response of illegal mining to a change in royalty taxes, health effects of gold mining, and deforestation after the end of armed conflict in Colombia. Saavedra received his B.A. in Economics and B.S. in Mathematics from Universidad de los Andes, and his Ph.D. in Economics from Stanford University.



Ana María Ibáñez: Professor, Universidad de los Andes

Ana María Ibáñez is a Professor in the School of Economics at Universidad de los Andes. She is the former Dean of the School of Economics at Universidad de los Andes and the Director of the research centre (CEDE). Her research studies the economic consequences of internal conflict, in particular the costs of war and conflict upon the civil population. She has extensive experience on the design and collection of household survey in conflict regions. Five of these household surveys have been applied in conflict regions in Colombia, and currently she is designing a household survey to apply in the Mindanao region in the Philippines. Ana María was a member of the advisory group of the Peacebuilding Fund of the United Nation. She is currently on the editorial board of the American Political Science Review and World Development. She has been a visiting professor at the MacMillan Centre at Yale University, a visiting scholar at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), and next semester she will be a visiting professor at the Program of Latin American Studies at Princeton University. Professor Ibáñez has played an active role in Colombia's public policy discussions, namely on policies for victims of conflict, land access, rural development and the current peace process.

