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News from the National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center

Livestream Our Distinguished Scholar Workshop in Sociology: January 11 & 12, 2016

SESYNC is pleased to announce the third Distinguished Scholar Workshop of our Socio-Environmental Immersion Program. During the workshop, each scholar will present one lens through which sociology approaches socio-environmental problems to immerse expert and non-expert participants in foundational theories from sociology. Our Distinguished Scholars of Sociology are:
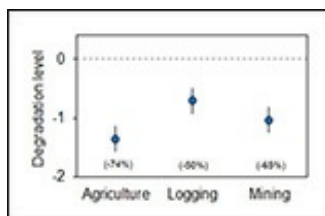
- Lori Peek, Colorado State University
- Thomas Rudel, Rutgers University
- Simone Pulver, UC Santa Barbara
- Andrew Jorgenson, Boston College
- Riley Dunlap, University of Oklahoma
- Dana Fisher, University of Maryland

Workshop lectures on foundational theories and methods in sociology will be live webstreamed, as well as accessible after the workshop as an archived video. **Additional information is available here.**

Short Course: Bayesian Modeling

SESYNC will host a nine-day short course August 1-10, 2016, covering basic

Predicting Forest Recovery from Human Disturbance

How successfully can we

SESYNC in The New York Times

Decision makers have long relied upon large

principles of using Bayesian models to gain insight from data. Bayesian hierarchical models provide a powerful approach to analysis of socio-environmental problems that are complex and that require synthesis of knowledge. The course is aimed at postdoc, researcher, and faculty participants in the social and natural sciences; grad students may also be considered.

Find additional information here. Apply by January 20, 2016.

restore the world's degraded lands? A new global meta-analysis seeks to understand what determines forest landscape restoration success and recovery rates.

Read the blog by synthesis team members here.

This project is part of a larger study synthesizing results of ecosystem recovery and restoration across a range of ecosystem types that is funded by SESYNC and the **German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research.**

infrastructure projects such as dams to secure access to water. But the increasing unpredictability of our climate highlights the need for smarter water management systems that engineers, economists, and even ecologists can all get behind.

Research supported by SESYNC, focused on integrating ecological principles into the early stages of infrastructure planning and design, is covered in *The International New York Times*.

Read the story here.

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