

Presentations by the RFGI Team

These presentations are up to date through November 2017

In 2011:

- Jesse Ribot. Keynote Speaker: Conference on Forestry and Global Change, Helsinki, June 2011.
- Jesse Ribot. Synthesis Speaker: Rockefeller Foundation Dialogue on Resilience, NY, Aug. 2011.
- Emmanuel Nuesiri. Presentation: Critical Climate Studies Seminar presentation of Customary Authority draft working paper at UIUC. IL, October 2011.
- Emmanuel Nuesiri. Panel Presentation: "Towards an emancipatory and transformative climate change governance agenda." RFGI presentation at Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) 13th General Assembly, Rabat Morocco, 5-9 December, 2011.

In 2012:

- Jesse Ribot. Occupy Nature Teach-in, "Making REDD+ Emancipatory." Earth Summit, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. June 2012.
- Jesse Ribot. ICARUS Plenary Round Table, "Adaptation." Columbia University, NY. May 2012.
- Jesse Ribot. Millennium Villages Series, "Making REDD+ Emancipatory: Comparative Research Rural Democracy." Earth Institute, Columbia University, NY. May 2012.
- Jesse Ribot. Politics Talk, "Choice and Recognition: Local Democracy Effects of Climate Change Interventions." The New School for Social Research, NY. March 2012.
- Jesse Ribot. Conference Synthesis Speaker: Symposium on Land Use in Africa. National Museum of African Art of the Smithsonian, Washington, D.C. March 2012.
- Jesse Ribot. Colloquium Speaker: Climate and Society Seminar Series, "Choice and Recognition: Local Democracy Effects of Climate Change Interventions." Rutgers University, NJ. February 2012.
- Jacques Pollini. "Land use changes on South-West Madagascar's forest frontier: Maladaptations on Adaptations." Department of Geography Colloquium Series, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. October 2012.
- Jacques Pollini. "Agriculture sur abattis brûlis, déforestation, genre et REDD+ en République Démocratique du Congo (Shifting cultivation, deforestation, gender and REDD+ in the Democratic Republic of the Congo)." Presented at the Observatoire Satellital des Forêts d'Afrique Centrale (OSFAC). December 2012.
- Jacques Pollini. "L'écologie politique comme point de rencontre de l'empirisme classique et de l'herméneutique du discours scientifique?" Presented at the international conference "Géographie, écologie, politique: Un climat de changement" organized by

Université d'Orléans and Institut de Recherches pour le Développement (IRD). Université d'Orléans, France. September 2012.

In 2013:

- Jesse Ribot. Keynote Speaker: Conference on Building Resilient Communities through Community-Based Forest Management. Faculty of Natural Resources Management, Lakehead University. Ontario, Canada. January 2013.
- Emmanuel Nuesiri. Poster Presentation at the UIUC Society of Postdoctoral Scholars Research Symposium. Illinois. January 2013
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Speaker: Center for African Studies, University of Illinois. Illinois. January 2013.
- Emmanuel Nuesiri. Poster presentation of his RFGI research at the Beckman Institute Open House. Illinois. March 2013.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Public Lecture on Climate Change at the University of Copenhagen. May 2013.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Speaker: 40th Anniversary of the *Journal of Peasant Studies*. Yale University. September 2013.
- Jacques Pollini. "REDD+ and shifting cultivation in DR-Congo: Will adaptation and mitigation turn maladaptive?" Conference of the International Society of Tropical Foresters at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Conference Theme: "Food & Forests: Cultivating Resilient Landscapes." Yale University. January 2013.
- Jacques Pollini. "La prise en compte de la dimension genre dans la REDD+ en RDC." UNDP Workshop on Gender and REDD+. Kinshasa, DRC. December 2013.

In 2014:

- Jesse Ribot. Invited Speaker: "Farce of the Commons: Humor, Irony and Subordination through a Camera's Lens." Department of Anthropology, University of Bern. September 2014.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Speaker: "Climate Change and the Human Sciences." Speaker Series in the Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory, University of Chicago (By invitation of Dipesh Chakrabarty). May 2014.
- Jacques Pollini. "Women's representation in REDD+: the case of village farmers' associations Democratic Republic of Congo." RFGI Workshop on *Emancipatory Forestry: Making REDD Democratic?* University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. February 2014.
- Emmanuel Nuesiri. "All adaption is local: Local government capacity and climate change." *4th Annual Postdoctoral Research Symposium* at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. January 2014.
- Emmanuel Nuesiri. "Symbolic democracy as social safeguard in REDD+: The case of the UN-REDD Programme in Nigeria." RFGI Workshop on *Emancipatory Forestry: Making REDD Democratic?* University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. February 2014.
- Emmanuel Nuesiri. "Symbolic democracy as social safeguard in REDD+: The case of the UN-REDD Programme in Nigeria." Department of Geography and GIS Colloquium Series, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 2014.

- Emmanuel Nuesiri. "Africa rising but we have been here before." African Students Organization (ASO) 11th Annual Forum. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. April 2014.
- Emmanuel Nuesiri. "Boko Haram: A private indirect government?" Center for African Studies Brown Bag Seminar, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. September 2014.
- Papa Faye. "Choice and Power: Overt Resistance to Technical Domination in Senegal's Forest Decentralization." International Symposium on Society and Natural Resources Management (ISSRM). Hannover, Germany. June 2014.
- Papa Faye. "From Recognition to Derecognition: Hemming in Democratic Representation by Technical Claims." Carbon-Land-Property Conference, University of Copenhagen. July 2014.
- Papa Faye. "Studying Senegal's Forest Management Projects as proxies for REDD initiatives". RFGI Workshop on *Emancipatory Forestry: Making REDD+ Democratic?* University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. February 2014.

In 2015:

- Jacques Pollini. "Land use changes on a forest frontier in South-West Madagascar's : Past, present and future." Presented at the 10th Madagascar Workshop, "Language, Land and Labour." Indian Ocean World Centre, McGill University. May 2015.
- Jacques Pollini. "REDD in real: The impacts of REDD+ and proto-REDD+ projects on rural communities in DR-CONGO and Cameroon." Presented at the Initiative on Climate Adaptation Research and Understanding through the Social Changes (ICARUS), Fourth Global Meeting. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. May 2015.
- Jesse Ribot. Keynote Speaker, "Power in Natural Resource Access," at Power in political ecology workshop, Bergen, November 2015. Drew some theoretical lines out of the research program of RFGI done in Eastern Senegal by Papa Faye.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Speaker, "Cause and Blame in the Anthropocene," African Studies, Northwestern University, April 2015. Presented RFGI findings and discussed their implications for adaptation responsibility.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Speaker, "Local Authority and the Production of Democracy" and "Local Authority in Natural Resources Management" at Decentralisation Reforms – Local Governance – Local and Territorial Development conference of the EU, Brussels April 2015. Here I presented the theoretical framing of RFGI to EU practitioners – EU has taken this framework up as part of their approach to local democracy in Africa.
- Jesse Ribot. "Governance" in COP21 Side Event on "Non-Carbon Benefits of REDD+ in Africa" of the ClimDev-Africa Group. Paris, 5 December 2015.
- James Murombedzi. "Chair" COP21 Side Event on "Non-Carbon Benefits of FRDD+ in Africa" of the ClimDev-Africa Group. Paris, 5 December 2015.
- Jesse Ribot. Final Synthesis Discussant, Forests & Livelihoods: Assessment, Research, and Engagement (FLARE), Paris, Nov. 2015. Spoke to issues of representation in REDD+ drawn from the RFGI findings.
- Alois Mancondo presented a draft paper at the Upper Mid-West Political Ecology Workshop at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. His paper was: Mandondo, Alois.

2015 From prazeiros to the 'Last Man': a longer and broader look at the democracy implications of institutional choices arrayed for REDD+ implementation in Mozambique. Paper Presented at the Upper Mid-West Workshop, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 9-11 October 2015.

In 2016:

- Jesse Ribot. Speaker, Environmental Institutions Seminar at the Nicholas School of the Environment, Duke University, 15 April 2016. Will be speaking on the research findings of RFGI to make arguments about responsibility and collective decision making.
- Jesse Ribot. Keynote Speaker, Third International Conference of the Thematic Group Sociology of Risk and Uncertainty of the International Sociological Association (ISA), Mexico City Feb. 2016.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited SESYNC Distinguished Scholar-Lecturer, "Climate and Social Vulnerability: Analytics of Cause and Responsibility," National Socio-environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC), Annapolis. Nov. 2016.
- Jesse Ribot. Fellow Speaker, "Cause and Blame under a Changing Sky," Center for Advanced Studies in Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University. October 2016.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Panelist, Panel discussion on: [The Conflict Potential of Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation: Backdraft Revisited](#). Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Washington, DC. September 2016.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Speaker, "Climate and Vulnerability Analytics and Field Research Methods on Access and Risk," College of Cooperatives of Qingdao University, Shandong Province, China, June 2016.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Speaker, "The Dangers of Explaining Climate Crisis – The Contentiousness of Cause," China Agricultural University, Beijing, May 2016.
- Jesse Ribot. Keynote Speaker, "Social Causality of our Common Climate Crisis," European Meeting of the International Association for the Study of Commons; Commons in a 'Glocal' World: Global Connections and Local Responses. Bern, Switzerland, 10-12 May 2016.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Speaker, "Unflattening the World: Cause and Responsibility under a Humanist Sky," Symposium on Global Governance/Politics: Climate Justice and Agrarian/Social Justice – Linkages and Challenges, Institute for Social Studies, The Hague, 3-4 February 2016.
- Jesse Ribot. Keynote Speaker, "Generating Vulnerability: Regulating Access to Forest Profits in Senegal," Contested resources, competing claims, conflicting policies: Climate change mitigation/adaptation/conservation & agricultural concessions, food security & democratization and peace-building; a National Dialogue in Myanmar. Yangon 26-27 Jan. 2016.

In 2017:

- Jesse Ribot. Invited Speaker, "Climate and Social Vulnerability" Institute for Sustainability, Energy and the Environment annual conference, University of Illinois. Sept. 2017.

- Jesse Ribot. Invited Discussant “Access” This is a conference organized by the Center for International Forestry Research to produce a journal special issue based on Ribot and Peluso 2003 article on theory of access. International Association for the Study of Commons, Utrecht. July 2017.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Lecture, “Access and Vulnerability,” Institute for Social Studies, The Hague. July 2017.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Lecture, “Framing Vulnerability and Migration,” Rule and Rupture Summer Institute, University of Copenhagen, Skågen, Denmark, July 2017.

In 2018:

- Jesse Ribot. Invited Lecture, “Social Contract Failures as Causes of Sahelian Emigration: The Case of Eastern Senegal,” The World Bank, World Development Report 2017 Team. Washington, DC. March 2018.
- Jesse Ribot. Invited Lectures (co-presented with Papa Faye), “Migrants Don’t Fall from the Sky: Roles of Local Government in Emigration Decisions,” Practitioner lecture (to Swedish Mayors) and Scholarly Lecture (University of Lund), International Center for Local Democracy, Malmö/Lund, Sweden. Feb. 2018.
- Jesse Ribot. Keynote Speaker, “Cause and Responsibility in the Anthropocene: Sociodicy under a Changing Sky” Development Days 2018 conference on The politics of sustainability: Re-thinking resources, values and justice, University of Helsinki, Finland. Feb. 2018

RFGI Presentations at ICARUS Conferences by UIUC Team

- Nuesiri, E. “Not by Participation Alone: Assessing the UN REDD Programme and its Likely Impact on Local Democracy.” ICARUS III Conference (Scales, Frameworks and Metrics). Columbia University. New York, May 2012.
- Burga, C. “Running the Risk of Undermining Livelihoods while Mitigating Climate Change. REDD and Micropolitics in the Peruvian Amazon.” ICARUS IV Conference (Causes of Vulnerability and Livelihoods of the Poor). University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Illinois, May 2015.
- Pollini, J. “REDD in real: The impacts of REDD and proto-REDD projects on rural landscapes in DR-Congo and Cameroon.” ICARUS IV Conference (Causes of Vulnerability and Livelihoods of the Poor). University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Illinois, May 2015.
- Chomba, S. “Where there is a right there is a way? How land tenure underpins rural vulnerability.” ICARUS IV Conference (Causes of Vulnerability and Livelihoods of the Poor). University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Illinois, May 2015.
- Nuesiri, E. “Representation in REDD: Who Speaks for Vulnerable Local People.” ICARUS IV Conference (Causes of Vulnerability and Livelihoods of the Poor). University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Illinois, May 2015.

Presentations of RFGI-Related Research in the University of Illinois Social Dimensions of Environmental Policy Speakers Series

- James Murombedzi. "The Limits to Representation in Forestry and REDD in Africa: Preliminary Synthesis of Comparative Research Findings from the Responsive Forest Governance Initiative (RFGI)." SDEP Speakers Series, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. 13 March, 2014.
- Emmanuel Nuesiri. "Carbon forestry and poverty alleviation: The more things change, the more they stay the same." SDEP Speakers Series, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. 25 January 2013.
- Jacques Pollini. "Land use changes on South-West Madagascar's forest frontier: Maladaptations on Adaptations." Department of Geography Colloquium Series, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. October 2012.