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Interdisciplinary African forest landscapes: ecological and socio-historical sciences and understanding forests today

Place: Synathlon 2218, University of Lausanne

Registration: 9:00-9:30

9:30 Welcome

Setting the scene: collaborations on forest history: what do we know? What can we know through interdisciplinary research?

9:45 What *do* forest plots tell us about forest history? What *can* they tell us? James Fairhead University of Sussex, Sussex Rights and Justice Research Centre, UK

10:15 Continental-scale changes in forest breadth and distribution during the African Holocene: climate vs. humans

Leanne Phelps, Faculty of Geosciences and the Environment, UNIL

10:45 Steps toward an integrated landscape history of African forest landscapes and their socio-ecological and biocultural assets

Paul Lane, Department of Archaeology, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

11:15 Coffee

Understanding the disciplines, their methods, their contributions to understanding forest history holistically

11:30 ForestGEO Africa Program: An initiative towards the long-term monitoring of African forests

David Kenfack, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, USA

12:00 Tree composition and function in central Africa and implications for conservation

Maxime Réjou-Méchain, AMAP, IRD, CNRS, CIRAD, INRA, Université Montpellier, France

12:30 lunch, Unicentre

1:45 Title TBC

Paulin Kialo, Laboratoire de Recherche sur l'Environnement, les Institutions et la Gouvernance Publique, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique et Technique, Gabon

2:15 Reading of the Congo Basin Forest Landscapes according to a multidisciplinary approach

Richard Oslisly, Agence Nationale des Parcs Nationaux- Gabon / Institut de Recherche pour le Développement

2:45 State formation, climate change and the colonisation of the forest interior of Ghana between the seventeenth to nineteenth centuries

Kojo Amanor, Department of History, University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana

3:15 Coffee

3:30 Explaining and politicizing forest history through “political ecology”

Christian Kull, Faculty of Geosciences and the Environment, UNIL

4:00 Social or natural forests against global warming? Opposing normative visions of tropical forest conservation and restoration in the Anthropocene

James Angus Fraser, Lancaster Environment Centre, Lancaster University, UK

4:30 From socio-ecological history to advocacy—the concept of ‘territories of life’

Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend, ICCA Consortium Association

Where do we go from here? Interdisciplinary collaboration in perspective

5:00 Bringing the ideas together: Panel discussion

Reflecting on ecology: Patrick Addo-Fordjour, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana

Reflecting on social science: Prince Osei-Wusu Adjei, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana

Reflecting on conservation: TBC

5:30 closing