

# 2021-2022 Colloquia

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**John M. Shandra**  
**Professor of Sociology, State University of New York at**  
**Stony Brook University**  
**Friday, October 8, 2021**

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m. Zoom invitation

**“India, Palm Oil, and Ecologically Unequal Exchange: A Cross-National Analysis of Forest Loss”**

John M. Shandra is a Professor of Sociology at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. His areas of expertise include environmental sociology, globalization, and statistics. John publishes extensively often with graduate students on the anthropogenic drivers of forest loss in low- and middle-income nations. This research has appeared in journals that include *Social Science Research*, *Sociological Quarterly*, *Sociological Perspectives*, and *Rural Sociology*.

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**Anu Ramaswami**  
**Professor, High Meadows Environmental Institute,**  
**Princeton University**  
**Friday, November 5, 2021**

**12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m. Zoom invitation**

**“Unpacking Income and Racial Inequality in Sustainable Urban Systems: Framework and Application”**

Anu Ramaswami, Ph.D., is a professor at Princeton University in the departments of India studies, civil and environmental engineering, and at the High Meadows Environmental Institute. She is an interdisciplinary environmental engineer recognized as a pioneer and leader on the topic of sustainable urban infrastructure systems. Her work explores how eight key sectors – that provide water, energy, food, buildings, mobility, connectivity, waste management and green/public spaces – shape human and environmental wellbeing, from local to global scales. Ramaswami’s work integrates environmental science and engineering, industrial ecology, public health and public affairs, with a human-centered and systems focus. She has been lead or corresponding author of more than 50 papers, published in leading journals such as Science, Nature Climate Change, Nature Sustainability, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), and Environmental Science & Technology. She is the inaugural director of the M.S. Chadha Center for Global India at Princeton University, the lead principal investigator and director of the National Science Foundation (NSF)-supported Sustainable Healthy Cities Network, and serves on the United Nations Environment’s International Resource Panel and the US NSF’s Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education. She received her BS in chemical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology Madras in Chennai and her PhD in civil and environmental engineering from Carnegie Mellon University.

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**Andrew Jorgenson**  
**Professor and Chair of Sociology and Professor of**  
**Environmental Studies, Boston College**  
**Friday, January 14, 2022 Online**

**“Guns versus Climate: How Militarization Amplifies the Impact of Development on Carbon Emissions”**

Andrew Jorgenson is Professor and Chair of Sociology and Professor of Environmental Studies at Boston College. Working in the areas of environmental sociology, global political economy, and the sociology of

development, he conducts research on the human dimensions of global and regional environmental change. His work appears in a range of disciplinary and interdisciplinary journals, including *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Sociological Theory*, *Social Problems*, *Nature Climate Change*, *Environmental Research Letters*, *Sustainability Science*, *Global Environmental Politics*, and *Science of the Total Environment*. He is coauthor of *Super Polluters: Tackling the World's Largest Sites of Climate-Disrupting Emissions*, published by Columbia University Press. In 2020, he received the Fred Buttel Distinguished Contribution Award from the American Sociological Association's Section on Environmental Sociology. He coedits *Sociology of Development*, a journal published by University of California Press.

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**Miyuki Hino**  
**Assistant Professor, City & Regional Planning, University**  
**of North Carolina, Chapel Hill**  
**Friday, February 4, 2022**

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m. via Zoom, Online

**“The Effect of Information about Climate Risk on Property Values”**

Miyuki Hino is an assistant professor in the Department of City and Regional Planning and an adjunct assistant professor in the Environment, Ecology, and Energy Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her research aims to measure the social and economic impacts of climate hazards and analyze the effectiveness of climate change adaptation strategies. Recent work has focused on the impacts of coastal flooding and land use policy for climate change adaptation. Miyuki received a Ph.D. in Environment and Resources from Stanford University and a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Yale University.

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**Nina Kelsey**  
**Assistant Professor, Public Policy and International Affairs,**  
**The George Washington University**  
**Friday, February 25, 2022**

**“Green Spirals: Feedback Dynamics in Environmental Policymaking”**

**Nina Kelsey is an Assistant Professor of Public Policy and International Affairs with a joint appointment to The George Washington University’s Elliott School of International Affairs and Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration. Her research examines the role of interests in environmental policymaking and negotiation. In particular, she focuses how changes to interests can occur over time, especially via feedback, and how these changes shape environmental policymaking at international, national, and subnational levels. Recent publications include ‘International ozone negotiations and the green spiral’ (Global Environmental Politics, forthcoming) and ‘Sequencing to ratchet up climate policy stringency’ (Nature Climate Change, 2018).**

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**Brianne Suldovsky**  
**Assistant Professor of Science, Environment, and Risk**  
**Communication, Portland State University**  
**Friday, April 8, 2022**

**“Do They Just Hate Science? Including Climate Skeptics in the Climate Change Conversation”**

**Dr. Brianne Suldovsky is an Assistant Professor of Science, Environment, and Risk Communication at Portland State University. In her research, Dr. Suldovsky examines public engagement with issues like climate change, environmental pollution, and biotechnology.**

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**Gernot Wagner**  
**Visiting Associate Professor, Columbia Business School**  
**(on leave from New York University)**  
**Friday, May 27, 2022**

Online event, Noon – 1:30pm PDT.

“Ukraine Invasion and the future of Climate Policy”

Dr. Gernot Wagner is a climate economist and Visiting Associate Professor at Columbia Business School, on leave from New York University. He writes the “Risky Climate” column for Bloomberg Green and is the author of five books, including *Climate Shock* (with Martin Weitzman), Princeton University Press 2015, among others a Top 15 McKinsey Financial Times Business Book of the Year; and, most recently, *Geoengineering: the Gamble*, Polity Press, 2021.