

Tropical forest conservation and development in Asia: Who is doing what to keep up with a rapidly changing world

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BIO

Kaoru Kitajima is a forest ecologist, with over 30 years of research experience with a focus in the American and Asian tropics. She is currently a professor at Kyoto University (2013-current), and previously was a professor in the Botany (currently Biology) Department at UF (1997-2013). She is one of only 10 members of CIFOR's Board of Trustees. She also holds a research associate position with Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute. As council member of the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation (2006-2017), she has fostered networking of tropical forest scientists across disciplines. She received her B.S. from the University of Tokyo, and M.S. and Ph.D from the University of Illinois. Her main research interests encompass ecology of seedling regeneration of tropical trees, forest tree responses to climate and other environmental factors, and ecosystem functions of plant and microbial diversity in tropical forests.

PRESENTATION SUMMARY

Dr. Kitajima will be sharing her many insights over her 30+ years dedicated to collaborative research and development. This casual information session will draw on her faculty positions at both Japanese and U.S. universities, as well as her experiences with the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), the Asia Pacific chapter of the Association of Tropical Biology and Conservation, and collaborations in Panama and at the deforestation and forest degradation fronts in Cambodia.



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