

Between coca, timber and AstroTurf: meanders of indigenous autonomy in the *Isiboro Sécure Indigenous Territory and National Park TIPNIS*

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Andrea is a PhD candidate at the School of Natural Resources and Environment (SNRE) and a graduate assistant at TCD. She is doing her research in Bolivia about indigenous autonomy and natural resource governance in the Isiboro Sécure Indigenous Territory and National Park (TIPNIS). She has a bachelor's degree in agronomy and a master's in rural development from AgroParisTech. Before the PhD, she worked for a few years doing research on family farming with NGOs in Bolivia and Ecuador. She is interested indigenous rights, family farming, territorial autonomy and sustainable management of natural resources.

PRESENTATION SUMMARY

Since the 1990s, various Latin American countries have acknowledged more inclusive indigenous rights. The Bolivian Constitution of 2009 recognizes the right of indigenous peoples to define and constitute their autonomy. However, implementation of pluralistic political organization is slow and there are still numerous socio-environmental conflicts involving vulnerable indigenous populations. For instance, a road project that would bisect the Isiboro Sécure Indigenous Territory and National Park (TIPNIS), collectively owned by three indigenous groups, has generated conflict between the government, indigenous peoples against and for the road, and peasant settlers that live in the southern border of the TIPNIS. The aim of Andrea's research is to contribute to the understanding of both indigenous people and the State's conceptions of autonomy, particularly in what pertains to natural resource governance (NRG). In this talk she will present preliminary results of one of her dissertation chapters which aims to answer the question "How do people of the TIPNIS understand indigenous autonomy, particularly in terms of natural resource governance?". To answer that question she is using interviews, a Q-sorting activity, focus groups and participant observation.

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