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Education

Ph.D. Agricultural Economics (Dr. Agr.), University of Bonn, 2017

Dissertation: *The impact of public policies on deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon (Summa cum laude)*

Diploma (B.S. and M.S.) Economics, University of Freiburg, 2011

Professional Affiliations

University of Texas at Dallas, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences

Assistant Professor, August 2023 – present

University of Göttingen, Department of Economics

Postdoctoral researcher, 2018 – 2023

University of Bonn, Institute for Food and Resource Economics

Research Associate, 2015 – 2017

Research Affiliate, Department of Geography & the Environment, University of Texas at Austin, 2021 – 2023

Research Affiliate, Collaborative Research Centre 990: Ecological and Socioeconomic Functions of Tropical Lowland Rainforest Transformation Systems (Sumatra, Indonesia), University of Göttingen, 2018 – 2023

Research Interests

Environmental Economics and Policy; Agricultural Economics; Development Economics; Conflict Economics

Publications

Journal articles

7. Seufert, J. D., A. Python, C. Weisser, **E. Cisneros**, K. Kis-Katos, and T. Kneib (2022): [Mapping ex-ante spatial risks of COVID-19 in Indonesia using a Bayesian geostatistical model on airport network data](#). *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A (Statistics in Society)*, 185: 2121–2155.
6. **Cisneros, E.**, J. Börner, S. Pagiola, and S. Wunder (2022): [Impacts of conservation incentives in protected areas: The case of Bolsa Floresta, Brazil](#), *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 111: 102,572.
5. **Cisneros, E.**, K. Kis-Katos, and N. Nuryartono (2021): [Palm oil and the politics of deforestation in Indonesia](#), *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 108: 102,453.
4. Correa, J., **E. Cisneros**, J. Börner, A. Pfaff, M. Costa, and R. Rajão (2020): [Evaluating REDD+ at sub-national level: Amazon Fund impacts in Alta Floresta, Brazil](#), *Forest Policy and Economics*, 116: 102,178.
3. Giudice, R., Börner B., and Wunder S., **E. Cisneros** (2019): [Selection biases and spillovers from collective conservation incentives in the Peruvian Amazon](#), *Environmental Research Letters*, 14 (4): 045,004.

2. Rodríguez L. O., **E. Cisneros**, T. Pequeño, M. T. Fuentes, and Y. Zinngrebe (2018): [Building adaptive capacity in changing social-ecological systems: Integrating knowledge in communal land-use planning in the Peruvian Amazon](#). *Sustainability*, 10 (2): 511.
1. **Cisneros, E.**, S. L. Zhou, and J. Börner (2015): [Naming and shaming for conservation: Evidence from the Brazilian Amazon](#). *PLoS ONE*, 10 (9): 1–24.

Working papers

Cisneros, E., T. Hellmundt, and K. Kis-Katos (2023): [Conflicts of rural transformation: The effects of oil palm expansion in Indonesia](#).

Cisneros, E., K. Kis-Katos, J. Priebe, and L. Reiners (2023): [Cash transfers and violent crime in Indonesian communities](#), *SSRN*.

Damm Y., **E. Cisneros**, and J. Börner (2022): [Beyond deforestation reductions: Public disclosure, land-use change and commodity sourcing](#), *SSRN (R&R World Development)*.

Cisneros, E. and K. Kis-Katos (2022): [Unintended environmental consequences of anti-corruption strategies](#), *SSRN, (R&R Journal of Environmental Economics and Management)*.

Grants and Awards

Grants

Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship, MSCA-IF-GF, No. 101031461, 2021, €264,669.12.

Awards

Friends of ZEF Prize for the best dissertation at ZEF of the years 2014–2017, 2018, €2,000.

T.W. Schultz Award for Best Oral Contributed Paper at the XXIX International Conference of Agricultural Economists (jointly with S. L. Zhou and J. Börner), 2015, \$1,000.

BMZ/GIZ Public Policy Award at the 2013 Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (jointly with J. Hargrave and K. Kis-Katos), 2013, €2,500.

Seminars, Conference & Workshop Presentations

Invited Seminars

2023 The University of Texas at Dallas, School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences

2022 University of Texas at Austin, Department of Economics

2021 The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Geography and the Environment

2016 KfW Development Bank, Frankfurt

Conference & Workshop Presentations

2023 World Congress of the International Economic Association (IEA; scheduled)

Southern Economic Association (SEA; scheduled)

Western Economic Association (WEAI)

Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA)

Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Annual Summer Conference (AERE)

- 2022 Southern Economic Association (SEA)
European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE)
6th Global Conference on Economic Geography (GCEG)
- 2021 Online Seminar on Environmental Politics and Governance (EPG)
- 2019 Oxford Development Economics Workshop
Annual International Conference of the Research Group on Development Economics
2nd Workshop on Geodata in Economics
European Public Choice Society - Annual Meeting
- 2018 International Symposium on Socio-ecological transformations of tropical lowland rainforests
U4 SSEL Cluster Conference on “Current Challenges for a Sustainable Future”
Workshop on “Measuring the effects of forest policies and interventions”, Center for Environmental Economics, Montpellier
- 2017 Workshop on “Land use spillover and leakage effects”, Robert Bosch Foundation, Berlin
- 2016 International Society for Ecological Economics Conference (ISEE)
- 2015 XXIX International Conference of Agricultural Economics, Milan
Tropentag, Berlin
- 2013 International Workshop Evaluating Forest Conservation Initiatives: New Tools and Policy Needs, Barcelona
Annual Conference on Biodiversity and Economics for Conservation (BIOECON), Cambridge
Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public finance (IIPF), Taormina
- 2012 Annual Conference of the Research Committee in Development Economics (AEL), Bonn

Teaching

University of Texas at Dallas, 2023 - present

World Resources and Development (*undergraduate*), Fall 2023.

University of Göttingen, 2020

The Economics of Deforestation, (*undergraduate*), Spring 2020.

University of Bonn, 2015–2017, (*ABD*)

Environmental Economics and Policies, (*graduate*), Spring 2016, Spring 2017.

Economics on Sustainability, (*graduate*), Fall 2015.

New Institutional Economics, (*undergraduate*), Fall 2015.

Intermediate Microeconomics, (*undergraduate*), Fall 2015, Fall 2016.

Environmental Policy, (*undergraduate*), Spring 2017.

Student Supervision

- 2023 Krishan Faas-Richter (Master thesis, in progress), Maria Luísa Fernandes de Araujo (Master thesis, in progress), Susanne Vögele (Master thesis, in progress),
- 2022 Dorothee V. Seybold (Master thesis), Isabel Eggers del Campo (Master thesis)
- 2021 Tobias Hellmundt (Master thesis), Carlos E. Barbosa Gueiros (Master thesis)
- 2020 Jacqueline Seufert (Master thesis), Joshua Jäger (Master thesis), Jonas Seesing (Master thesis)
- 2019 Hannah Kaul (Master thesis), Killian Nussbaum (Master thesis)

2018 Pia Hoppman (Master thesis)

2017 Benedikt Reifenrath (Bachelor thesis)

2015 Johanna Lahr (Master thesis), Elan Swartz (Master thesis)

Service

Journal referee

American Journal of Agricultural Economics (2×) • Applied Geography • Conservation Letters • Ecological Economics (3×) • International Forestry Review • Journal of Environmental Economics and Management (3×) • Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists • Unjournal • World Development

Professional service

ISA-ESS Mentorship, 2023 – present

Mentor at the mentoring program of the Society for Conservation Biology's Impact Evaluation Working Group (SCB IEWB), 2022 – present

Member of NAREA Scholars' Circles, 2022 – present

Chair of German Scholars Organization / German Academic Intern. Network (GSO/GAIN) at Dallas 2021 – present

University Service

Member of Ecology, Sustainability and Human-Environment Interactions (ESHI), University of Texas at Austin, 2020 – 2023

Graduate student representative, Center for Development Research, University of Göttingen, 2013

Research Collaborations

Sustainable Amazon Fund (FAS), Manaus, 10/2013 – 12/2013.

Amazon Environmental Research Institute, (IPAM), Brasília, 07/2013 – 09/2013.

Consultancy

German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ), Program evaluation of the project Olhos D'Agua, Alta Floresta, 08/2016 – 10/2016.

Amazon Fund, Program evaluation of the Bolsa Floresta program, Brazil, 02/2016 – 03/2016.

Memberships

American Economic Association (AEA) • Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) • Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) • Society for Conservation Biology (SCB)

Professional Skills

R statistical computing • STATA • Python • PostgreSQL • PostGIS • QuantumGIS