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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

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

Assistant Professor, 2023 – present

The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Geography & the Environment

Visiting scholar, 2021 – 2023

University of Göttingen, Department of Economics

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

University of Bonn, Institute for Food and Resource Economics

Research Associate, 2015 – 2017

## Research Interests

Environmental Economics and Policy; Agricultural Economics; Economics of Climate Change

## Publications

### *Journal articles*

8. Damm, Y., **E. Cisneros**, and J. Börner (2024): [Beyond deforestation reductions: Public disclosure, land-use change and commodity sourcing](#), *World Development*, 175: 106481.
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.
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### Working papers

Magalhães de Oliveira, G., J. Sellare, **E. Cisneros**, and J. Börner (2024): [Mind your language: Political signaling and deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon](#), *SSRN*.

**Cisneros, E.**, K. Kis-Katos, J. Priebe, and L. Reiners (2024): [Cash transfers and violent crime in Indonesian communities](#), *SSRN*.

Hellmundt, T., K. Kis-Katos, and **E. Cisneros** (2024): [Conflicts of rural transformation: The effects of oil palm expansion in Indonesia](#), *SSRN*.

**Cisneros, E.**, L. Reiners, and K. Kis-Katos (2023): [Losing territory: The effect of administrative splits on land use in the tropics](#), *SSRN*.

**Cisneros, E.**, T. Hellmundt, and K. Kis-Katos (2023): [Oil palm expansion and the economics of forest fragmentation](#), *SSRN*.

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

### Research in progress

**Cisneros, E.**: *Climatic shocks and agricultural expansion in the tropics*.

**Cisneros, E.**, D. V. Seybold, and K. Kis-Katos: *Environmental shocks and land use transformation: The effects of earthquakes on deforestation in Indonesian villages*.

**Cisneros, E.**, I. Eggers del Campo, T. Esch, M. Marconcini, and K. Kis-Katos: *The footprint of economic development: Comparing remotely sensed settlement and nightlight data*.

### Other

Damm Y., **E. Cisneros**, and J. Börner (2024): [Can public scrutiny make supply chains more sustainable?](#), UNIDO, 'Industrial Analytics Platform', <https://iap.unido.org/>

## 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.

## Talks

### *Keynote Lectures*

2023 The 4th International Conference on Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation: “Origin of Land Status, History of Land Use and Development of Plantation Land Cover”

### *Invited Seminars*

2024 University of Bonn, Institute for Food and Resource Economics (ILR) (scheduled)

2024 TU Dresden, Department of Economics (scheduled)

2024 Texas A&M University, Department of Agricultural Economics (scheduled)

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

2022 The 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 RIDGE 2023 December Forum – Environmental Economics

World Congress of the International Economic Association (IEA)

Southern Economic Association (SEA)

Western Economic Association (WEAI)

Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREEA)

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

Environmental Economics and Policy (*graduate*), Spring 2024.

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.

## Advising

### *Master's advising*

2024 Julian Klos (UT Dallas, in progress), Krishan Faas-Richter (U Göttingen, in progress)

2023 Susanne Vögele (U Göttingen), Maria Luísa Fernandes de Araujo (U Göttingen)

2022 Dorothee V. Seybold (U Göttingen), Isabel Eggers del Campo (U Göttingen)

2021 Tobias Hellmundt (U Göttingen), Carlos E. Barbosa Gueiros (U Göttingen)

2020 Jacqueline Seufert (U Göttingen), Joshua Jäger (U Göttingen), Jonas Seesing (U Göttingen)

2019 Hannah Kaul (U Göttingen), Killian Nussbaum (U Göttingen)

2018 Pia Hoppman (U Bonn)

2015 Johanna Lahr (U Bonn), Elan Swartz (U Bonn)

## University Service

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

UT Dallas Archer Fellowship Program selection advisory committee, 2024

Junior Faculty Search Committee, 2023

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

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

Center for Development Research, University of Bonn

Graduate student representative, Center for Development Research, 2013

## Professional Service

### Mentoring

Society for Conservation Biology's Impact Evaluation Working Group (SCB IEWB), Mentees:

Claire Louise Penton Vincent, 2023

Gabriela Demarchi, 2022

### Academic Circles

NAREA Scholars' Circles, 2022–present

Chair, German Scholars Organization / German Academic International Network (GSO/GAIN) at Dallas, 2021 – present

### Research Collaborations and Consultancy

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

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

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

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

### 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 (2×)

## 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

## Languages

German (native), Spanish (fluent), English (fluently), Portuguese (basic), French (basic)

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