

# **Urbanization, Multilocality, Remittances and their Effects on Forests and Communities**

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## **Abstract:**

Rural-urban migration and the growth of urban areas have historically had major impacts on rural environments, including forests. Unlike in previous times and other places however, many families in the forested tropics now engage in circular rather than direct rural-to-urban movement and many previously rural households maintain both urban and rural residences. The widespread remittance of money from emigrant workers to households is now among the most significant of global capital flows. This presentation addresses several issues arising from these movements and flows, including what is known about how remittances are invested and the effects of these investments on forest cover and management, as well as how household multilocality changes how landscapes are managed, including the “urbanization” of rural areas, and the “ruralization” of urban spaces. Examples are taken from research carried out in Amazonia as well as from several “seed” projects being conducted by Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) scientists in Indonesia, Ethiopia, and Nepal.

## **About the speaker:**

**Christine Padoch** is the Director of Forests and Livelihoods Research at the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR). An anthropologist by training, she spent more than 35 years carrying out research on smallholder patterns of forest management, agriculture, and agroforestry in the humid tropics, principally in Amazonia and Southeast Asia. Christine Padoch came to CIFOR from the New York Botanical Garden where she held the position of the Matthew Calbraith Perry Curator of Economic Botany. She is the author or editor of a dozen books and of approximately 100 scientific articles and book chapters. Christine Padoch has served as a scientific advisor to many international projects and has been a member of the boards of several international research institutions, including the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), the Amazon Institute for Environmental Research (IPAM), and the Earth Innovation Institute (EII). She holds a Ph.D. in anthropology from Columbia University.

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