

**Patterns and Processes of Land Use and Forest Change in the Amazon:
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The Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Florida convened an international conference to review state-of-the-art research projects on environmental change in the Amazon region of South America.

The conference focused on the use of remote sensing techniques to estimate the pace and pattern of forest change in Amazonia, as well as on-the-ground analyses of the land use decisions made by rural producers.

The agenda included community-level activists who increasingly turn to satellite images, Global Positioning Systems and Geographic Information Systems to address an array of conservation and land tenure issues.

The objective is to contribute to environmental policy and global change research by providing a forum for a constructive dialogue between specialists in the analysis of satellite data, researchers who focus on the processes that drive land use decisions, and scholars and practitioners engaged in community-based mapping efforts.

Special sessions will identify future research topics, and will explore ways to harmonize the compatibility of different data sources.

Presentations will be in English, Spanish and Portuguese on all countries whose national borders encompass significant portions of the Amazon basin.