

Restoring global forests: Opportunities and challenges

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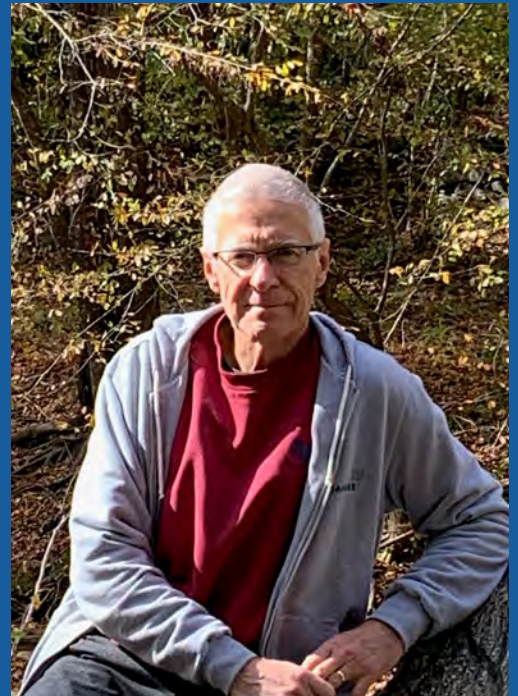
Speaker

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About the lecture

Jeffrey R. Vincent’s talk will focus on the economics of global forest restoration, with an emphasis on the Global South. It will draw on a 2021 review article – “Forest Restoration in Low- and Middle-Income Countries” – by him, Sara Curran, and Mark Ashton, published in the *Annual Review of Environment and Resources*, and other sources. Recent studies have identified a large biophysical potential to sequester carbon and supply other ecosystem services by restoring forests, but they have largely ignored socioeconomic issues. Vincent’s talk will provide an economic perspective on forest restoration opportunities and challenges.

Speaker’s profile

Jeffrey R. Vincent is an economist who works mainly on forest policy issues in developing countries. Over his career, he has blended academic research, teaching, and administration; leadership of large, donor-funded policy-advising projects; and capacity-building and mid-career training. He is currently the Clarence F. Korstian Professor of Forest Economics and Management in the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University and Chair

of Nicholas School’s Environmental Sciences and Policy Division. He held previous positions at the University of California, San Diego (School of International Relations & Pacific Studies), Harvard University (Institute for International Development), and Michigan State University (Department of Forestry).

Vincent’s current interests focus on the economics of forest restoration in the Global South. His past work has addressed various topics, including the tropical timber trade, forest concession policies, biodiversity conservation, green accounting, and valuation of forest ecosystem services. His country experience includes Brazil, Bulgaria, China, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Romania, Russia, South Africa, and Thailand.

Vincent’s books include the *Handbook of Environmental Economics* (North-Holland, three volumes, 2003, 2005) and *Managing Natural Wealth: Environment and Development in Malaysia* (RFF Press, 2005). His articles have appeared in leading environmental economics journals, including the *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, *Land Economics*, and *Environmental and Resource Economics*; economic development journals, including the *World Bank Economic Review*, *Economic Development*



and Cultural Change, and *World Development*; forestry journals, including *Forest Science* and the *Journal of Forestry*; and general science journals, such as *Science* and the *Proceedings of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*. He received the Cozzarelli Prize for the best article in applied biological, agricultural, and environmental sciences published in the PNAS in 2006 and the McKinsey Award for the most significant article published in the *Harvard Business Review* in 2003. Two of his articles were included on the list of the top five published in *Environmental and Resource Economics* in 2017. In 2014, he served as the global forestry expert at a workshop in Vatican City that supported preparation of the 2015 Papal Encyclical Letter, *On Care for Our Common Home*.

Vincent has committed substantial time to environmental economics capacity building in the Global South since 1993. He has served on the

international advisory committees of the South Asian Network of Development and Environmental Economists (SANDEE) and the Center for Environmental Economics and Policy in Africa (CEEPA), and he has been a resource person with SANDEE and the Economy and Environment Program for Southeast Asia (EEPSEA). He is a Fellow and past coordinator of capacity-building programmes at the Beijer Institute of Ecological Economics in Stockholm, Sweden, and he currently serves on the Economic Advisory Council of the U.S. Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) and as Co-Editor the Cambridge University Press journal *Environment and Development Economics*.

Vincent has degrees from Yale University (Ph.D., Forestry and Environmental Studies, 1988); Michigan State University (M.S., Forestry, 1984); and Harvard University (A.B., Social Anthropology, 1981).

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