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Resumen de la propuesta
Over the past decades, public policies across the Global South have focused on interlinking rural development strategies with the conservation of natural resources. In the context of Latin America, two distinctive institutional and political factors – a high proportion of community-owned forests and a major shift towards neoliberal governance in many countries since the 1980s – have produced a surprising outcome: a wide array of market-based-instruments for conservation are being increasingly implemented in the context of common-property institutions, often among indigenous communities.

Mexico emerged as a world pioneer in the implementation of nation-wide Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES) in the early 2000s, a public policy tool designed to provide financial incentives conditional on the adoption of land management practices associated with the provision of forest-based ecosystem services (e.g. biodiversity, hydrological services). Yet, because 60% of forests nation-wide are held by agrarian and indigenous communities, PES programmes have increasingly involved the enrolment of common-property and collective decision-making processes. At this growing interface between markets and communities, a series of emerging questions require scrutiny: what shapes do PES programmes take in common-property contexts and what are its outcomes? How are PES programmes understood and adopted by communities? what lessons can PES experiences across Mexican communities offer for public policies in other context of Latin America?

This panel aims to address such questions through a comparative exploration of different experiences of PES
programmes in multiple common-property contexts across Mexico. The panel includes a series of detailed case studies that provide a rich mosaic of the manifold processes and pathways that PES programmes can undergo when implemented across different common-property settings. Our individual contributions document the complex processes through which PES programmes are ‘hybridised’ on-the-ground to take shapes and meanings that both differ significantly from one another across contexts as well as from the market-based logic that underpins PES programmes among national and international policy-making circles. Overall, such discussions will help to illustrate the institutional challenges faced by markets for governing common-property resources in Mexico, and to draw lessons that can be carried to other contexts in Latin America.

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Presentaciones
Alejandra Zaga-Mendez, Santiago Izquierdo-Tort, Vijay Kolinjivadi, Jerome Dupras. (Université du Québec en Outaouais). Interactions between multiple Payments for ecosystem services, collective community forest management and local livelihoods in Amanalco Estado de Mexico.

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Lucero Hidalgo García (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México). Governance elements generated by the Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) program and their impact on the governance of ejido communities in Marqués de Comillas, Chiapas.

Elizabeth Shapiro-Garza (Duke University). The Role of Social Capital and Governance Capacity in the Dynamics and Outcomes of Collective Payments for Watershed Ecosystem Services in Mexico.