

4th ESP LAC 2023

International conference

La Serena, Chile, 6–10 November

Session Description

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Equity and justice perspectives from Latin America

Format: hybrid

Hosts

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Abstract

Equity and justice are multidimensional concepts rooted in a range of scholarly traditions of what is considered fair and equitable. However, the ecosystem services research field is still starting to address the diversity of justice and equity dimensions to provide a more in-depth understanding of their reach. This includes important work recognizing the (un)equal distribution of ecosystem services and their benefits across space and time, the need of disaggregation of beneficiaries, and unbalanced power relationships. This gap is particularly true for Latin America, a geographical-cultural area characterized by ecosystem services diversity and strong social inequalities and injustices. This session aims to bring together scholarly work from different disciplinary backgrounds, geographical contexts and cultural realities within Latin America. Ecosystems assessed may range from terrestrial to marine, natural, to working landscapes and urban ecosystems. We invite empirical case studies from Latin American regions, showing methodological and conceptual advancements reflecting on the role of (in)equity and justice on ecosystem services supply distribution and benefit access as well as on feedbacks.

Goals & Objectives

Scientific exchange on advancements of scientific work in Latin America for this growing strand of literature. Work on regional collaborations and networks, and plan future outcomes in the frame of the ESP “Equity in ES research” working group. We seek and will promote an explicit integration of local Latin American networks into the “Equity in ES research” working group.

Planned output

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Acceptance of voluntary contributions

Yes, I allow any abstract to be submitted to my session for review.

Relation to ESP Working Groups or National Networks

Thematic Working Groups: [TWG 20 - Equity in ES research](#)