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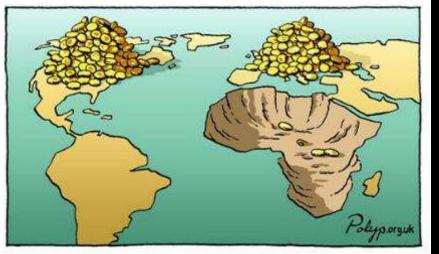
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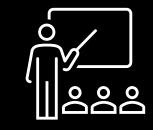
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## Inequality is designed, not accidental







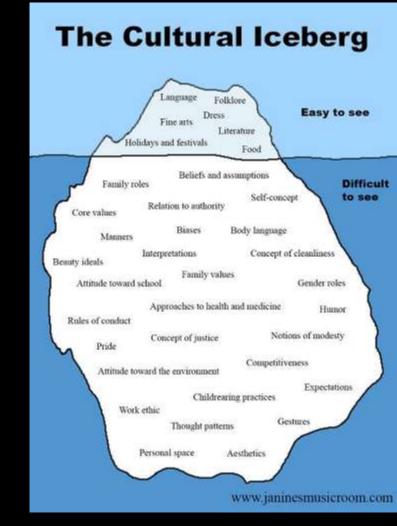


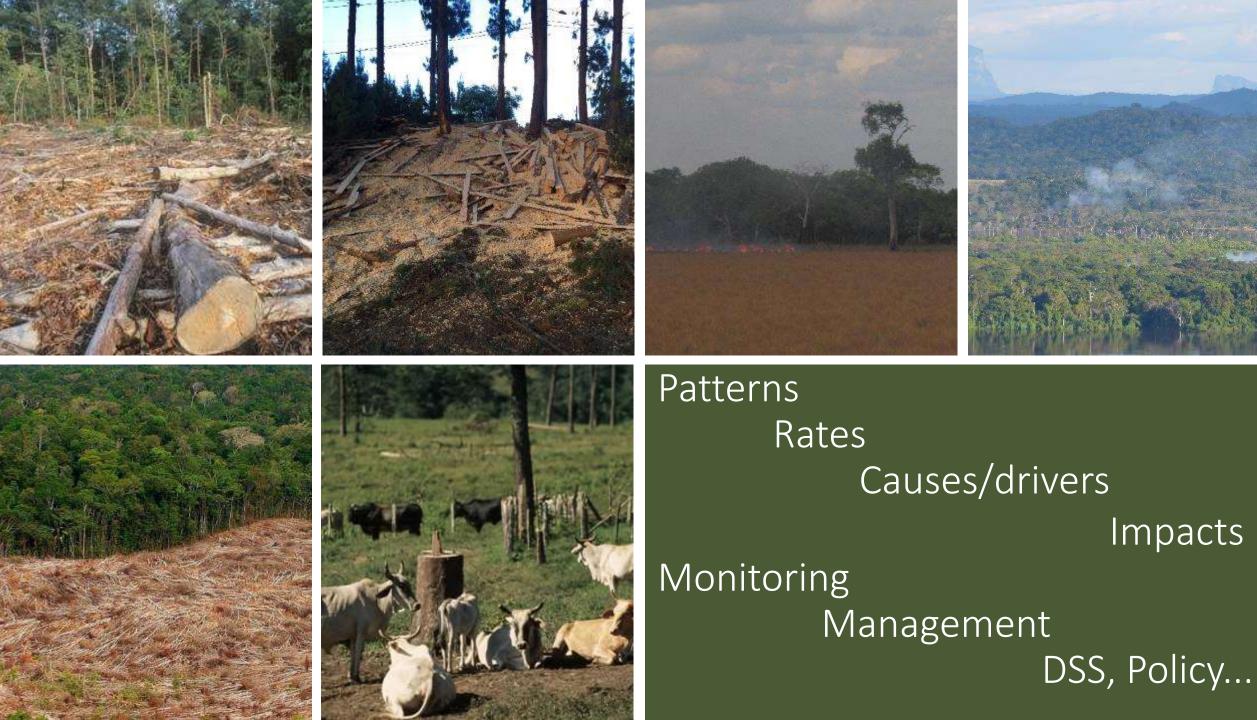












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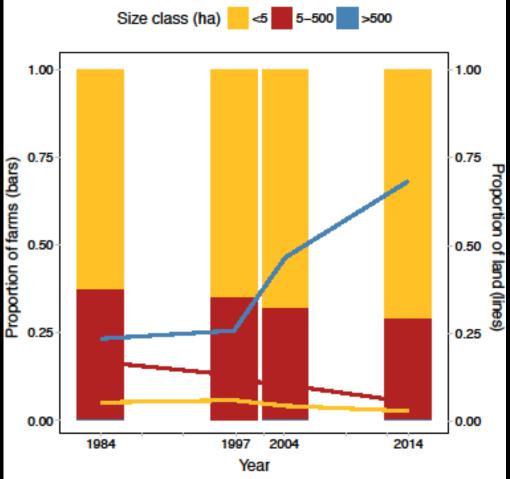
Ecological disturbance vs. Ecological catastrophy vs. Land tool management ?



### Deforestation and fire in the Amazonia (NW)

## "When the land is needed, and people are not". Dr Tania Li, GLP OSM 2019





Davalos et al 2016 Biogesciences

Armenteras et al 2019. Nature Ecology & Evolution

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#### The Problem of 'Colonial Science'

Conservation projects in the developing world should invest in local scientific talent and infrastructure

By Asha de Vos on July 1, 2020

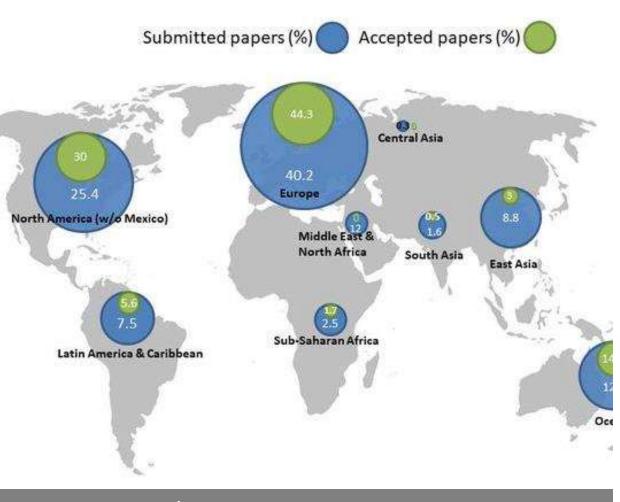
unfavorable power imbalance

visibility 'problem' of science from the global south

- Scientific method not neutral.
- Perceived from a privileged position.

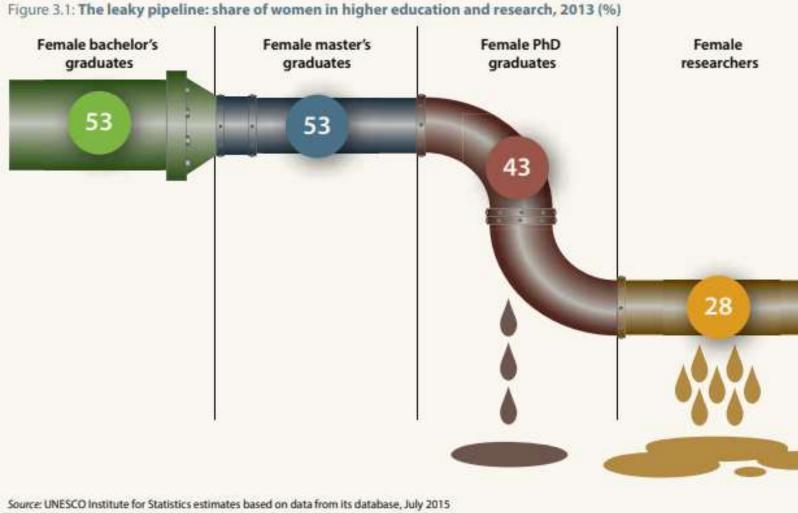
## where are you based... matters

- Credibility
- Place of origin / subjectivity
- Competition is the base of inequality..
- Locals?



absence of contact networks?

#### Nuñez et a, 2019 Journal of Applied Ecology



https://en.unesco.org/sites/default/files/usr15\_is\_the\_gender\_gap\_narrowing\_in\_science\_and\_engineering.pdf

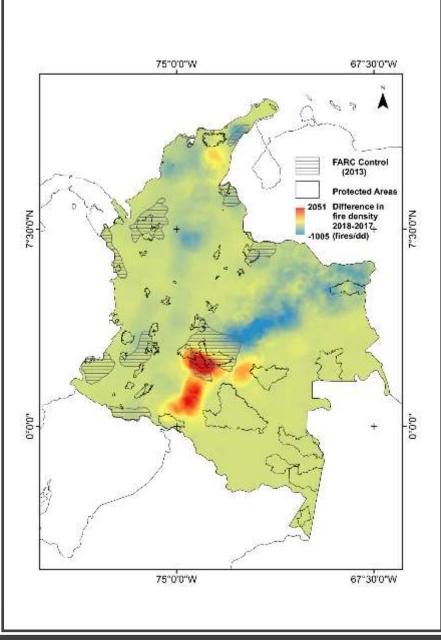
visibility 'problem' with women and science.

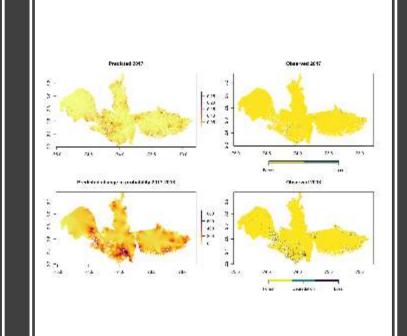
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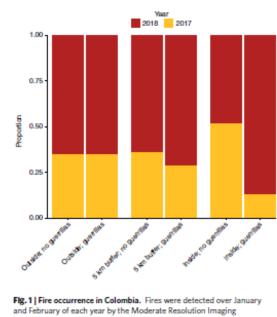
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In theory has no limit, no gender, no body..







Spectroradiometer (see Methods).

ecology & evolution

#### BRIEF COMMUNICATION https://doi.org/10.1038/s41559-018-0727-8

#### Fires in protected areas reveal unforeseen costs of Colombian peace





## ALL SCALES



### Colombia: new plan imperils Amazon

Dolors Armenteras 🖾 & Thomas Defler

## Integrating remotely sensed fires for predicting deforestation for REDD+

Article In Ecological Applications 27(4):1294-1304 · February 2017 DOI: 10.1002/eap.1522







#### Editorial

#### **Recognizing Women Leaders in Fire Science**

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## Science and the Community Participation Bill Initiative 221 (2019) Integrated fire management





- Based on research
- Workshops
- Training
- Multisector and multistakeholder
- Norms
- National and international revision







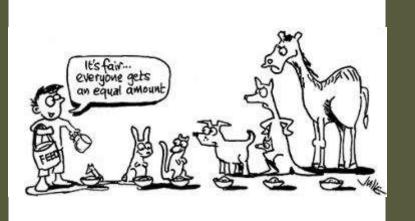














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## Author declaration: have you considered equity, diversity and inclusion?

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Custom tools that identify and address inequality

with apologies to their Silverstein from gliunchbreath

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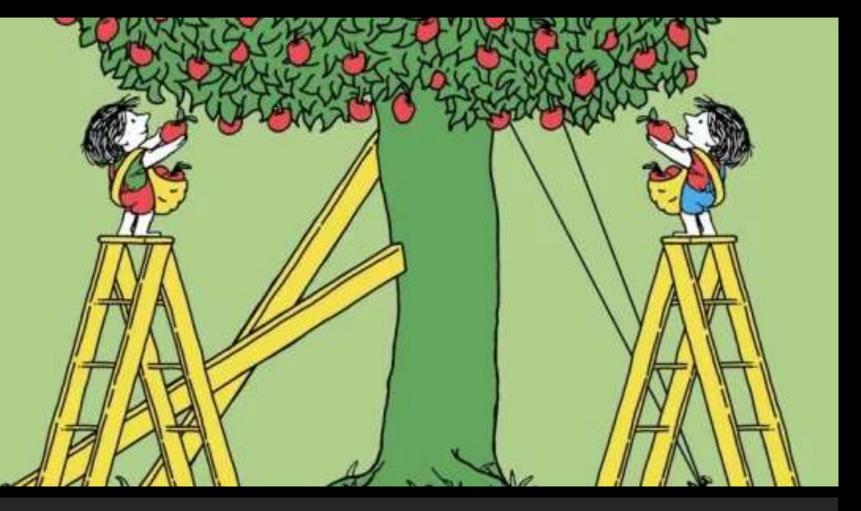
## Solutions

Break the paradigm of knowledge deficit and capacity development needs
Recognize exclusion. Break power asymetries by acknowledging structures in place.
Descentralization of networks.
Equitable decision making control over funding and governance arrangements
Learn from human diversity. Different perspectives, backgrounds, and skills
Rethinking partitipation vs representation . Local relevant solutions

Trust in local solutions

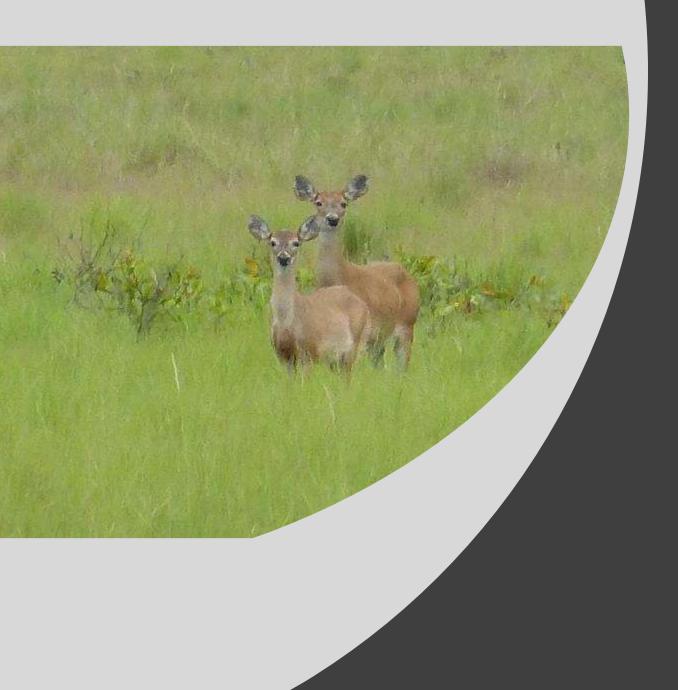
## Justice

Fixing the system to offer equal access to both tools and opportunities



## Reform systems, structurally

"life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated"



## Thank you



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