

Call for submission to the Special Issue in the journal Forest Policy and Economics

A political forest – an examination through critical political economy and ecology perspectives

Forests, trees, and forested lands are claimed for many purposes. They provide materials such as timber, pulp, and non-timber products; but also carbon, biodiversity, soil and water protection incl. peatlands; as well as energy and rural development. They provide space for recreation, eco-tourism and socio-cultural and spiritual values in the global North and South alike. Many of these interests are interconnected, and they entail critical cross-sectoral and transboundary interdependencies. In these highly contested and connected spaces with a myriad of powerful (and less powerful) interests at play, policies related to forests and forest lands shape and are shaped by the outcomes of actors' negotiations and impositions of their interests. These interests reflect underlying institutional histories, discourses, and information at various levels, domestically, regionally, and internationally. Over the past decade, critical political economy and ecology perspectives have contributed to our understanding of forest policy, decision making and implementation processes and practice, and its implications for people (including historically underrepresented groups, women, and youth) and planet.

This call is linked to the International Forest Policy Meeting (IFPM), a biennial event addressing forest and forest-related issues from a social science perspective and bringing together scholars from Europe and beyond. The latest iteration, the IFPM5, took place in Helsinki in April 2024, and highlighted explicitly questions of power and justice.

We encourage contributions from the Global North and South that present **critical global political economy** and **political ecology analysis** and help us to advance the emerging field of International Forest Policy by unpacking the underlying power relations that shape policy, practice, and the oftentimes unjust outcomes in a political forest.

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