

Lecture as part of the Teaching Assistantship Programme 2017

## **Forest Transition Deficiency Syndrome: The Case of Forest Communities in the High Forest Zone of Ghana**

### **Organizational details**

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Date: June 28, 2017, from 16.00 to 18.00 h

Location: Campus Wirtschaftswissenschaften, Licher Strasse 68, D-35390 Giessen, room 024 (HS 024)

### **Content**

Managing and conserving the world's remaining forests sustainably is vital for a continual supply of forest-related products and provision of ecosystem services particularly forest-based climate change mitigation services. Due to its exceptional role in performing these functions, tropical forests sustainability is especially crucial; and the role of Africa is particularly key given that the continent has a substantial amount of tropical forests and yet largely lacks the capacity for sustainable management. The presentation is part of my PhD project which seeks to investigate and ascertain complex factors which influence forest management compliance behavioural patterns of local people in the High Forest Zone of Ghana.

This shall be presented in four main levels. The first level shall briefly introduce the thematic and lay out the "Forest Transition Theory" as the core theoretical framework for analysis. The second level shall elaborate on national and global policy frameworks which influence maladaptive behavioural patterns of local forest-dependent people. The third then shall present the results of the field data, and the fourth (also the concluding part) shall discuss and present a solution proposals followed by final recommendations.

Enough time would be devoted to the question and answer sections, particularly to questions related to the climate change debate and its human right component in relation to Africa – a continent which has contributed less to the climate change problematic and yet poised to suffer the worse consequences.

Key words: Africa, Ghana, forest conservation, climate change, human rights, forest transition theory, governmentality, environmentalism.

### **Target group**

Students, Doctoral Candidates and Postdocs of all Faculties

### **Course language**

English

**Registration** No registration needed