



GABRIELA SIMONET

Agro-economist specialized in REDD+

Focus: Agronomic engineer specialized in environmental economics. Five-year experience in the field of forest carbon economics with a focus on REDD+ projects, Payment for Environmental Services and socio-environmental impact assessment of forestry and development projects.

..... Education

September 2010- March 2011	Master degree in Economics of Sustainable Development, Environment and Energy. Focus on Environment.
2007- 2010	AgroParisTech - Agronomy Engineer at Paris Institute of Technology for Life, Food and Environmental Sciences. Module on the Common Agricultural Policy .
2005 – 2007	Champollion High School - Preparatory course for 'Grandes Ecoles'.
September 2002- June 2005	Europole International High School of Grenoble - Scientific Baccalauréat – Summa Cum Laude – Spanish international Option.

..... Experience

October 2012- present	CIRAD (Montpellier, France) and Climate Economics Chair (Paris, France): PhD on "Tropical forests management as a lever for climate change mitigation: the experience of 'REDD+ projects'". <ul style="list-style-type: none">Construction of the first international database on REDD+ projects, in partnership with University of Michigan. Supervision of 4 interns.Four-month fieldwork in Brazil: impact assessment of a REDD+ project with a PES component, in partnership with the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR). Training and supervision of a team of eight enumerators. Organization of household interviews and focus groups.Participation as chairman or speaker in several conferences organized by the Climate Economics Chair, grouping private and academic actors.
March 2011- September 2012	Climate Economics Chair (Paris, France) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Launching of the Agriculture, Food and Forestry Research Initiative. Research of prospects.Follow-up of REDD+ negotiations, research on forest carbon finance.Organization of weekly seminars on climate economics.
January 2010 – July 2010	Intern at Friends in Need Trust (Tamil NGO, India): <ul style="list-style-type: none">Study of the social and economic viability of organic farming in Kameshwaram, Tamil Nadu.Awareness program about sanitation and environmental issues.
June 2009 – December 2009	Intern in the Agrarian Economic and Politic Department of the University of Cordoba (Spain): <ul style="list-style-type: none">Development of a European Territorial Quality Mark based on social, environmental and economic standards.One month in the Rural Group of Development "Serrania de Ronda".Three-month participation in master level courses on CAP.

••••• Publications

June 2016	'The 'virtual economy' of REDD+ projects: Does private Certification of REDD+ Projects Ensure their Environmental Integrity?', by Seyller, Desbureaux, Ongolo, Karsenty, Simonet, Fauré and Brimont. <i>International Forestry Review</i> .
March 2016	'Technical guidelines for research on REDD+ subnational initiatives', by Sunderlin, Larson, Duchelle, Sills, Luttrell, Jagger, Pattanayak, Cronkleton, Ekaputri, de Sassi, Aryani, and Simonet. (CIFOR, Bogor, Indonesia).
September 2015	'ID-RECCO, a new collaborative work tool on REDD+ projects', by Simonet and Seyller. <i>CEC working paper</i> n°2015-08.
January 2015	'On managing co-benefits in REDD+ projects' by Simonet, Delacote and Robert. <i>International Journal of Agricultural Resources, Governance and Ecology</i> .
December 2014	Book: 'Sustainable Settlements in the Amazon, Brazil', in <i>REDD+ on the ground: A case book of subnational initiatives across the globe</i> (CIFOR, Bogor, Indonesia), by Cromberg, Duchelle, Simonet and Freitas.
June 2014	'REDD+ projects in 2014: an overview based on a new database and typology', by Simonet, Karsenty, de Perthuis, Newton, Schaap and Seyller. <i>CEC Information and Debates Series</i> n°32 (updated in July 2015).
February 2014	'Forest transition and REDD + in developing countries: challenges for climate change mitigation', by Simonet and Wolfersberger. <i>CEC Information and Debates Series</i> n°29
January 2013	Book : 'L'agroforesterie: un gisement de croissance verte?' by Simonet and Wolfersberger, <i>Cahiers du Cercle des Economistes</i> .
July 2012	'Forest carbon: tackling externalities', by Simonet, Bouculat and Oliveira. <i>CEC Information and Debates Series</i> n°17.
November 2011	'Durban climate change conference: The challenge of measuring forest carbon fluxes', by Simonet, <i>CEC Information and Debates Series</i> n°12.
September 2011	Book: <i>Climate Economics in Progress 2011</i> , Perthuis and Jouvét (eds.), Coordinator of the second Part of the book. Author of Chapter 10. 'Panorama: Agriculture and Forestry' and Chapter 12. 'The difficult emergence of a global REDD mechanism: issues of measurement and monitoring'. Economica.
Ongoing papers	'Readiness and avoided deforestation: on the use of the REDD fund', by Simonet and Delacote (submitted). 'Paying smallholders not to cut down the Amazon forest: Impact evaluation of a REDD+ pilot', by Simonet, Subervie, Ezzine-de-Blas, Cromberg and Duchelle (submitted).

••••• Seminars

October 2015	GRET seminar, Nogent sur Marne.
September 2015	Climate Economics Chair (CEC) seminar, Paris.
September 2015	Centre International de Recherche en Agronomie et Développement (CIRAD) seminar, Montpellier.

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| April 2015 | Laboratoire Montpelliérain d'Economie Théorique et Appliquée (LAMETA) seminar, Montpellier. |
| January 2012 | Laboratoire d'Economie Forestiere (LEF) seminar, Nancy. |

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| September 2015 | Conference of the French Association of Environmental and Resource Economics (FAERE), Toulouse. |
| June 2015 | Conference of the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economics (EAERE), Helsinki. |
| June 2014 | Conference CIRAD 'Comment articuler les Paiements pour Services Environnementaux aux autres instruments politiques et économiques, dans les pays du Sud et du Nord', Montpellier. |
| June 2014 | Third annual Conference of the Climate Economics Chair (CEC) on Agriculture, Food and Forestry Issues, Paris. |
| June 2013 | Conference 'Payer pour l'environnement ? Le mécanisme REDD+ et les Paiements pour Services Environnementaux permettront-ils de s'attaquer aux causes sous-jacentes de la déforestation ?', Nogent sur Marne. |
| October 2012 | Second annual Conference of the Climate Economics Chair (CEC), Paris. |
| June 2012 | First annual Conference of the Climate Economics Chair (CEC) on Agriculture, Food and Forestry Issues, Paris. |
| October 2011 | First annual Conference of the Climate Economics Chair (CEC), Paris. |

••••• Activities and skills

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| Languages | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Spanish: bilingual level ▪ English: fluent ▪ Portuguese: fluent | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Italian: notions ▪ Tamil: beginner |
| IT skills | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Access: fully literate. ▪ Basis in R, SAS and LaTeX. | |
| Other activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Personal teacher (Mathematics, Physics, French). Lecturer in forestry economics for master students on rural economics, in Rio de Janeiro (6h). ▪ Horse riding (level 6), badminton, bike rides, tai chi, travels (New Zealand, Brazil, China, India, etc.), and folk dance. | |