



The Program on Brazil invites you to a lecture presented by SDSU Professor  
Dr. Ryan Abman on  
***The (Political) Economics of Deforestation in the  
Brazilian Amazon***



Deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon is driven by both market and political forces. Dr. Abman will discuss how both of these forces work together to make deforestation a difficult environmental problem for Brazil. The talk will cover economics research on the role of commodity prices, federal enforcement, local political accountability and property rights as they pertain to deforestation in Brazil.

Following Prof. Abman's lecture, the Program will screen the documentary ***Toxic: Deforestation and Slavery in the Amazon*** is a documentary that shows the investigation of the murder of Zé Cláudio Ribeiro and Maria do Espirito Santo. The film paints a shocking portrait of life in the Brazilian Amazon through the story of an environmental activists couple that lived and died for the rainforest.

**Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4pm – 6pm**  
**SDSU – Hardy Tower 140**