

Environmental and Social Risk Analysis

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Senior Tutors

The senior tutors, Lawrence Pratt and Edgar Rojas, are responsible for the overall supervision of the Programme, as such they watch over the homogeneity of the courses and the academic standard. In some courses they also moderate two fora and provide their personal feedback on your work.

Lawrence Pratt

Since 1996, Lawrence Pratt has been Associate Director of the Latin American Center for Competitiveness and Sustainable Development (CLACDS) at the INCAE Business School (Alajuela, Costa Rica). He directs the sustainable development programs of the Center and teaches Environmental Strategy and Environmental Policy in INCAE's Masters and Executive programs.



At INCAE, he is founder and director of the internationally recognized Ecobanking Project (www.ecobanking.com), and the Sustainable Markets Intelligence Center (www.cims-la.com). Mr Pratt's research focuses on incorporating sustainability into the strategic positioning of countries, industries and firms. He lectures widely internationally on sustainable business and on the design of policy structures to promote competitive advantage from sustainability.

Mr. Pratt also serves as a consultant and advisor to various multilateral organizations, manufacturing, natural resources and financial services companies in the United States, Latin America and Europe. Previously he was Senior Policy Analyst at the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, DC, and was part of the team that developed the ground-breaking Toxic Release Inventory Program at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He is a graduate of the College of William and Mary (Virginia, USA), and holds a Master's degree from the Yale School of Management (Connecticut, USA).





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Edgar Rojas

Mr. Rojas is a graduate in environmental and natural resource management from the Universidad Santo Tomas de Aquino in Colombia. He has an MBA with emphasis on sustainable development from the INCAE Business School.



He is currently a CLACDS consultant where he is directly responsible for the Ecobanking Project and the Environmental Management Program for the Latin American Financial Sector. He was the editor of the book: “Ecobanking: Opciones para una banca Sostenible” (Ecobanking: Options for Sustainable Banking).

He has been an invited speaker in different Latin American countries on subjects associated with banking and the environment. Since 2004, he has been a member of the UNEP FI Latin American Task Force. He created, developed and implemented the Environmental & Social Risks Analysis e-learning program – ESRA, program of which he is tutor in Latin America.

He has been a consultant with diverse organizations in the areas of sustainable micro-financing, sustainable tourism, and environmental services payments. His previous professional experience was developed around the Colombian financial system. His graduate thesis was based on ecotourism as an economic alternative for the protected areas in Colombia.

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Core and Associate Tutors

Each course is given by a two tutors: a Core Tutor – the person you will be mostly in contact with during the three weeks of your course– and an Associate Tutor, who takes care of two forum sessions. Our Tutors are based in different parts of the world in order to ensure a truly international learning experience. The core tutor posts messages containing daily instructions on the pinboard every morning, where he/she will also let you know the hours of his/her availability on the chat. If you have questions concerning the course material, the assignments or the deadlines to hand in those assignments, you can always contact the core tutor via email during the entire course.

Christina Wood

Christina is an independent sustainability consultant based in Johannesburg, South Africa. She has extensive work experience with the international consultancy Sustainable Finance Ltd, as well as with IFC and its Financial Intermediary (FI) clients in Africa. Her experience includes the development of social and environmental management systems, training, mentoring and capacity building. She has delivered several training programmes on behalf of IFC to banks from around Africa, and has an excellent knowledge of World Bank and IFC social and environmental policies (now Performance Standards) and procedures.



In 2004–2005 Christina worked with the African Institute of Corporate Citizenship to help establish the Centre for Sustainability Investment (CSI). She was a founding member of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Finance Initiatives' African Task Force, which aims to set sustainability priorities for the financial sector in Africa. She co-authored the UNEP funded report on 'Sustainable Banking in Africa' in 2004. Christina has facilitated and moderated many workshops to a range of participants from SMEs, financial institutions, private companies and the public sector. She has over 12 years' wide ranging experience in environmental management, and sustainability issues, with a specific focus on the financial sector in the last 7 years.



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Melissa Makwarimba

Melissa Makwarimba has over 15 years experience advising and building the capacity of public and private sector organisations in developing economies to integrate sustainable development principles into core business strategy and management activity.

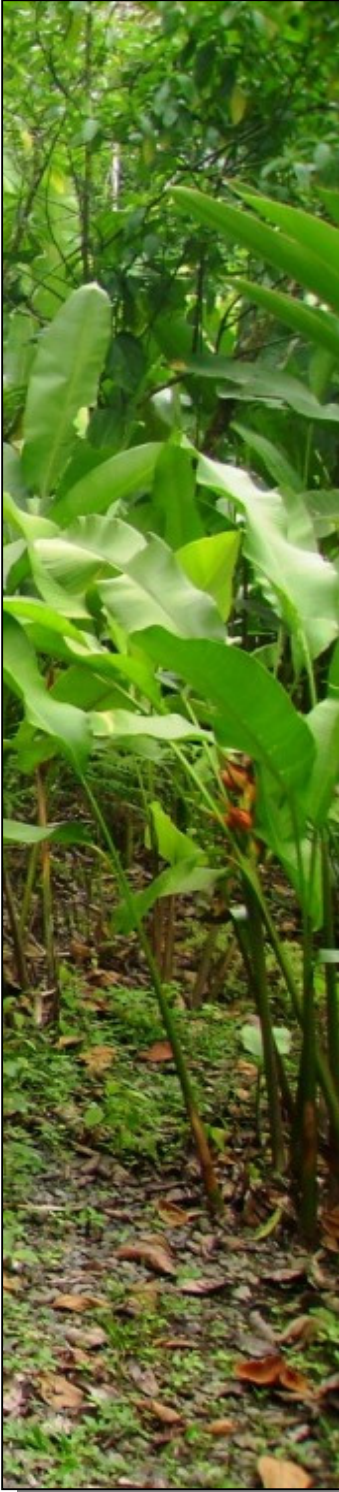


She also assists development agencies and NGOs with strategy and programme development work. She currently works as an independent consultant and is an Associate of Sustainable Finance. Prior to going independent Melissa headed up the Resource Consulting business unit of Scott Wilson, Africa and worked as an environmental advisor for a textile company.

For the last 5 years she has provided advisory, on the job training and mentoring services to a team of 30 managers located across three operational regions (Africa, Middle East and South Asia) of a global financial institution.

Melissa holds a BA Hons in Pure & Applied Biology and an MBA. She is a registered Environmental Auditor with the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) and is accredited by the IFC to deliver training on their new Performance Standards on Social and Environmental Sustainability.





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Mariangeles Camargo

Mariangeles is an expert in evaluating financial risks associated with environmental and social issues with 15 years of international experience in credit risk management, commercial and investment banking. She worked as risk manager of Suleasing Internacional, a cross border leasing company with operations in Colombia, Brazil, Mexico and Central America.



She designed, implemented and administered the company's Environmental Management System and provided advice to other financial institutions in the Andean Region. Based on this work, an Environmental Management System for other Latin American institutions was developed.

Mariangeles' international experience also includes work as a research specialist for the Socially Responsible Investments Unit with UBS Global Asset Management Division and providing consulting services for the International Finance Corporation (IFC). In addition, she has evaluated the green credit line of credit for Colombian medium size companies created by SECO. More recently she has been project manager for the design and implementation of Environmental Management Systems for three Brazilian Banks and has advised Latin American Multilateral Institutions in their environmental and social risk management trainings. She is currently living in New Delhi and working on assessing Financial Institutions to adopt Equator Principles.

Mariangeles holds a Master of Science in Finance from Bentley College (Massachusetts).