

## Biodiversity Conservation and Poverty Traps

The connections between biodiversity conservation and poverty traps are many. Global concentrations of extreme poverty and biodiversity hot spots are geographically coincident, and models of poverty traps and of ecosystem resilience have qualitatively similar structures. But the connections between poverty traps and biodiversity conservation remain remarkably underexplored; empirical evidence on the various important links between them is especially scarce. This topical lunch aims to spark discussion across disciplines and units on campus on this topic, especially around opportunities to marshal evidence from across the biological and social sciences and around the world on the substantive empirical linkages between poverty traps and biodiversity conservation with the objective of demonstrating both how the study of each phenomena can be enhanced through incorporation of the other and how the design of interventions in each area might thereby be improved.