Why the Amazon Matters for the Fate of the Earth

A constellation of prominent scientists will share current best understandings of the complex and shifting role played by the Amazon in climate change processes. The symposium will address the causes and consequences of forest loss and degradation, including human dimensions, and the risks of passing ecological tipping points that would lead to runaway forest loss from climate drying and fire. Presentations will also explore the enormous potential of the Amazon Forest to maintain a cool, healthy global climate, and the policy change opportunities that can stop the loss of this essential ecosystem, while supporting the wellbeing of Amazonian people.

Panel 1: Overview of Current Issues and Challenges

Panel 2: Biophysical Processes

Panel 3: Social and Policy Dimensions

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