Visualizing Sustainable Future: Long-term Engagement in Conservation and Development

Agni Klintuni Boedihartono
Associate Professor of Tropical Landscapes and Livelihoods, Forest and Conservation Sciences
University of British Columbia

Tropical Landscapes are complex and dynamic socio-ecological systems. We use Integrated Landscape Approaches to understand the system and attempt for mediate change.

We conduct diachronic studies in a number of sentinel landscapes which combine high biodiversity with poverty and rapid rate of change. Case studies from Indonesia will be presented.

Agni Klintuni Boedihartono (Intu) has a multidisciplinary background (Anthropology, Fine Arts, Cinematography and Natural Sciences). She has a Doctorate in Ethnology & Visual Anthropology from the University of Paris, France. She went to the Ecole National Superieure des Beaux-Arts and the University of Paris in France to pursue her passion in arts, culture, people and sciences. Intu subsequently worked for the United Nations Environment Program and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature in Switzerland. Intu joined UBC after spending eight years running a master’s program in Development Practice at James Cook University in tropical northern Australia.

Intu has worked with multidisciplinary teams in remote locations in tropical landscapes and seascapes in Asia, Africa and Latin America. She has focused on issues with indigenous people and local communities, particularly on the importance of their traditional knowledge and wise practices in natural resources management and the conservation of their cultural diversity. Her research has sought to enable forest dependent people, coastal communities and indigenous groups to achieve a balance between conservation and social, cultural and economic development.

Intu uses visual techniques to explore landscape scenarios and other participatory methods to maximize the involvement of diverse stakeholder groups. Her goal is to have an influence on global efforts to support indigenous people and local communities to improve their livelihoods whilst retaining their identity, cultural diversity, traditional knowledge, environment and natural assets.

Wednesday, November 13
12:00 Noon
Room 203, Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Avenue