

The McGill Sustainability Systems Initiative Invited Speaker Series and *Wood at Work 2017*

Tropical Forests and Climate Change: How research can help transform a problem into a solution

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Thursday, October 26th, 2017 at Lev Bukhman

Join us for refreshments and conversation 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Frances Seymour



Just how important is it to conserve and restore the world's tropical forests? Frances Seymour, a Distinguished Senior Fellow at the World Resources Institute in Washington, DC, will speak about the big picture of forests and climate change through the lens of her global research and policy advising, with examples of strategic interventions at a variety of scales, including sustainably sourced timber and new policy frameworks. Frances served as Director General of the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) from 2006 to 2012, and was founding director of the Institutions and Governance Program (now the Governance Center) at WRI. Lead author of the book *Why Forests? Why Now? The Science, Economics, and Politics of Tropical Forests and Climate Change*, she conducts research on the linkages between forests, climate policy and governance issues more generally.