Overview and requirements: This reading group and workshop will examine contemporary processes of environmental and resource governance in the diverse research contexts of the seminar’s participants. All participants will be responsible for one session in which they will provide background readings and a work of their own (e.g. working paper, dissertation proposal, etc…) for group discussion and critique. Through this process, the group will explore common and emergent themes in distinct cases of resource governance and will work to situate each study in the broader theory and praxis of political ecology.

April 14 – Materiality and Political Ecology – Special guest Margaret Fitzsimmons

April 21 – Sean Gillon – Paper Workshop
Fields of Dreams: Emergent Contradictions in Biofuels as Environmental Governance (prepared for 2009 AAG)

April 28 – Daniella Schweitzer – Pre-Qualifying Exam Workshop
Political ecology of forest management in the Panama Canal Watershed: Impacts of forest management decisions by the Autoridad del Canal in the watershed.

May 4 – Adam French – Dissertation Proposal Workshop
Water is Life: Global Change Convergence, Livelihood Adaptation and the Agrarian Question
May 12 – Brian Peterson – Article Workshop
Assessing the Social Dimensions of Forest Dieback: A Case Study from British Columbia.

May 19 – Sarah Turner Romano – Dissertation Prospectus Workshop

May 26 – Sarah Carvill – Article Workshop
Clean-Up and Restoration on the Upper Clark Fork: A Political Ecology Approach

June 2 – Tim Norris – Dissertation Proposal Workshop
New Conservation Spaces in the Andes: Private Conservation, Participatory GIS, and Extractive Industry.