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Creating Markets for Ecosystem Services: Notes from the Field

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Abstract

Created by the interactions of living organisms with their environment, ecosystem services underpin our society by providing clean air and water, decomposing waste, pollinating flowers, regulating climate, etc. Yet, with rare exception, ecosystem services are neither valued by consumers nor explicitly protected by the law. In recent years, a number of initiatives around the world have sought to create markets for ecosystem services, some dependent on government intervention and some entirely private ventures. The presentation will review the status of these projects, discuss their challenges and successes, and reflect on Salzman's recent experience with establishing a market for water quality in Australia.

Biography

Jim Salzman is the Emalee Godsey Scholar and Professor of Law at the Washington College of Law, American University. The first Harvard graduate to earn joint degrees in law and engineering, he was named a Sheldon Fellow upon graduation. Prior to teaching, he worked in Paris in the Environment Directorate of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and in London as the European Environmental Manager for Johnson Wax. He has advised the OECD, UNEP, EPA and the US Trade Representative on a range of policy issues. Elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, he has lectured on environmental policy in the Americas, Europe, Asia and Africa. He has published articles in legal, scientific and popular journals as well as co-authored the leading textbook on international environmental law. He has been a visiting professor at Stanford Law School and Harvard Law School and recently served as a Fulbright Senior Scholar in Australia with joint appointments in the Macquarie University law and biology departments.



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