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The EU-Mercosur Agreement

A Win-Win for Markets to the Detriment of Amazonia?

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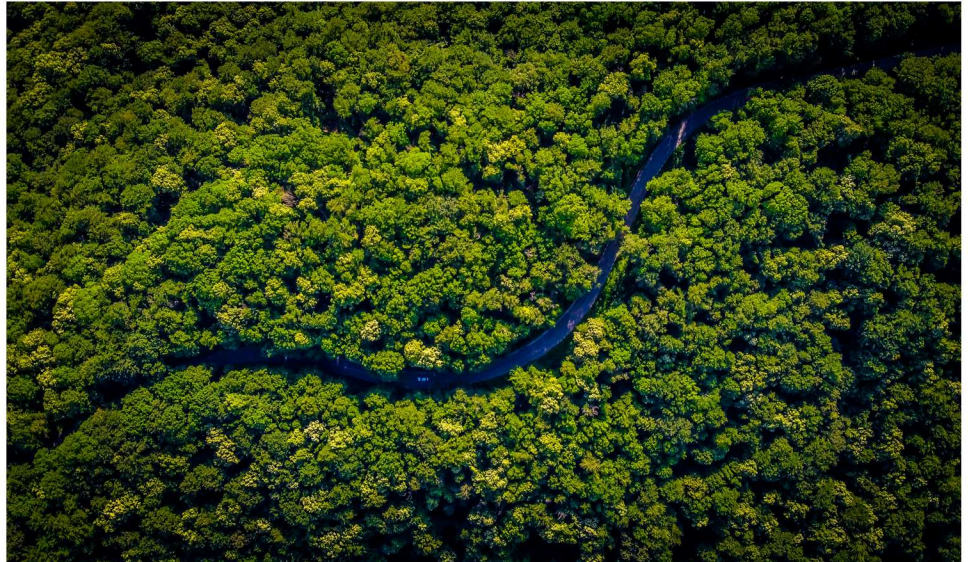
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The EU and Mercosur are celebrating their latest trade agreement as a win-win, but indigenous and climate activists view it as a major threat to biodiversity, with irreversible risks to Amazonia and the future of the planet. While the agreement claims to operate under a value-based trade agenda that protects labor rights and the environment, Latin American nature defenders warn that it will expand the agribusiness frontier in Amazonia, driving deforestation, land grabs, greenhouse gas emissions and biodiversity loss. Scholar and activist Manuela Picq, alongside directors from the Kimberly Green Latin American & Caribbean Center and the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, will discuss the implications of the new EU-Mercosur agreement for Amazonia and nature defenders.

GUEST SPEAKER

Manuela Picq, a French-Brazilian University of Miami alumna from the School of International Studies, is the Karl Loewenstein Senior Lecturer in the Departments of Political Science and Sexuality, Women's and Gender Studies at Amherst College. She is the author of several scholarly books and articles, including *Savages and Citizens: How Indigeneity Shapes the State* (University of Arizona Press, 2024) and *Vernacular Sovereignities: Indigenous Women Challenging World Politics* (University of Arizona Press, 2018). She is also the editor of *Public Humanities* and contributes to international media outlets. Her work at the intersection of scholarship, journalism and activism led to her nomination as part of the New Generation of Public Intellectuals (2018), inclusion in the Femi List 100 (2021), and receiving the 2024 Outstanding Scholar Activist Award by the International Studies Association.

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