

We invite you to the next LALUC & Ibero- American Brown Bag seminar, on May 29, 2026 at 12:00 in [Oeconomicum](#) Room 1.134 (Central Campus, Platz Göttingen Sieben 3).

Our presenter is Carlos Larrea, Professor of Economics at Universidad Simón Bolívar in Quito. He will give a presentation on the opportunities for *phasing out fossil fuels* in the Andean Countries.

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The Transition Away from Fossil Fuels in Andean Amazon Countries

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Abstract

The Andean Amazon countries — Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru — encompass some of the most biodiverse regions of the Amazon Basin while simultaneously concentrating a large share of oil production and other extractive industries with significant environmental impacts.

Ensuring the long-term sustainability of the rainforest and preserving its exceptional biodiversity require both a substantial reduction in deforestation and a structural energy transition aimed at reducing dependence on fossil fuels.

The Santa Marta International Conference on a Transition Away from Fossil Fuels, held in May 2026 with the participation of 56 countries, provided a strategic framework and new opportunities for Andean Amazon nations to advance policies focused on biodiversity conservation, sustainable energy transition, and drastic reductions in deforestation.

This presentation analyzes the opportunities, challenges, and structural constraints faced by Andean Countries in consolidating pathways toward sustainability and reducing fossil fuel dependence.