

Peter C. Bloch

Faculty Associate and Senior Scientist, Department of Forest Ecology and Management

Academic and Professional History:

- Completed a Ph.D. in Economics at the University of California at Berkeley in 1974.
- Taught Economics at the University of Dakar (Senegal), the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and Grinnell College prior to coming to the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Became a visiting faculty member at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the Department of Economics in 1983.
- Joined the Land Tenure Center in 1984.
- Joined the Department of Forest Ecology and Management in 1999.
- Extensive teaching, training, research and technical experience in West Africa, Southeast and Central Asia, Eastern Europe, and the Caribbean on issues related to rural institutional transformation and natural resource tenure and management.

Research focus: I am an economist, but through twenty years of work at the Land Tenure Center I have become solidly multidisciplinary, as land and natural resource issues absolutely require. I now use techniques and knowledge from law, sociology, anthropology, political science, and public administration in addition to economics. I have covered a range of land issues, including the costs and benefits of customary tenure; natural resource tenure and management; land titling and registration; property taxation; and agrarian reform in Sahelian West Africa, Eastern Europe, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam and the Philippines. This work has given me a great deal of appreciation of the economic, social and environmental problems facing marginalized rural people like those of the Southeast Asian uplands.

Graduate Training focus: My teaching since joining Forest Ecology and Management has consisted of courses on Communities and Forests and Agroforestry (for both undergraduate and graduate students) and graduate seminars in Social Forestry and Conflicts over Natural Resources. I have advised and/or been a member of M.S. and Ph.D. student thesis committees in Geography, Forest Ecology and Management, Agricultural and Applied Economics, Development Studies, Land Resources, and Environmental Monitoring.

Current Research Support:

- USAID. "Assessment of USAID Investments in Land Markets and Property Rights." P.I. 2002-2004 (\$450,000).

Recent Publications:

- P.C. Bloch, "Potential for Rural Immovable Property Market Development in Albania." Chapter 5 of H. Lemel (ed.) *Immovable Property Registration System Baseline Impact Assessment Study*. New York: BerghahnUS, March 2000.
- P.C. Bloch, J. Melmed-Sanjak and Robert Hanson, "The Debate Over Agrarian Structure in Macedonia: Implications for Land Management." *Transactions in International Land Management*, Volume I, October 2000 (lead article).
- P.C. Bloch, "Land Reform in Kyrgyzstan: Almost Done, What Next?" *Problems of Post-Communism*, vol. 49, no. 1, January/February 2002.
- P.C. Bloch, "Economic Impact of Land Policy in the Caribbean." in A.N. Williams (ed.) *Land in the Caribbean: Issues of Policy, Administration and Management in the English-Speaking Caribbean*. Port of Spain, Trinidad, 2003.
- P.C. Bloch, "Land Privatization and Land Market Development: Two "Unsuccessful" Cases, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan", forthcoming in *Post-Communist Agrarian Reform in Eurasia*, edited by D. Macey, W. Pyle and S. Wegren, Lexington Books, 2004.