

# SUSTAINABILITY, RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

# **Climate Change**

### First InPrInt Seminar

Partnership Building towards

Stronger Engagement in International Collaboration

UFMG, Belo Horizonte

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#### Climate Change?

### Where ever we are... climate is changing



**Nordeste** Seca histórica já dura seis anos e ameaça tornar-se regra no semiárido



Litoral paulista No litoral de SP, erosão come praias e até casas inteiras; obras buscam proteção contra ressacas mais frequentes



**Panamá** Ressacas e superpopulação forçam indígenas gunas a abandonar ilhas



### Porto Rico

Quase meio milhão de pessoas deve abandonar Porto Rico após furação devastar ilha



#### Peru

Camponês processa empresa alemã e pede indenização por encolhimento de geleiras



**Portugal** Tempestades de fogo mataram 115 portugueses em 2017



Cidade do Cabo

Estiagem e herança do apartheid criam pânico com torneiras secas no Dia Zero



### Ártico

Aquecimento de região polar impõe reforma no Cofre Global de Sementes



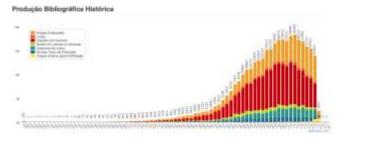
We are witnessing many climatic phenomena that are bringing drastic consequences to society





We are facing Herculean battles in Climate Change! But we live for the challenges!

How is UFMG facing climate change? We do Science to provide a better future for the next generation !





We are many !

### We have the logistics !









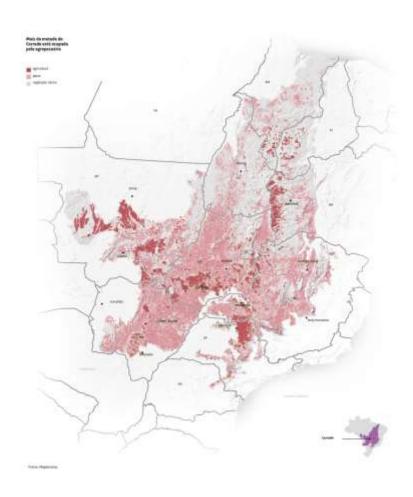
# ...and are in the right place !



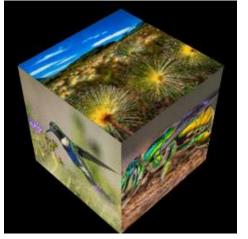


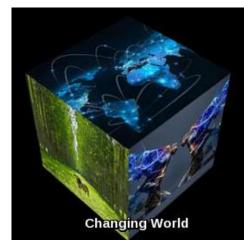


### UFMG is focused on many themes as the causes are multiple and intertwined



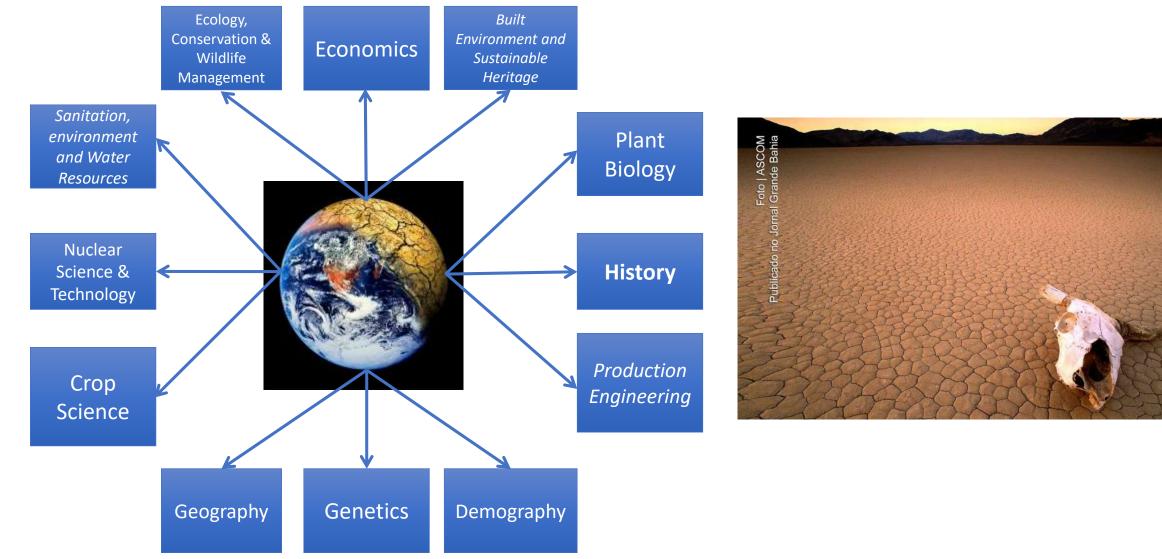


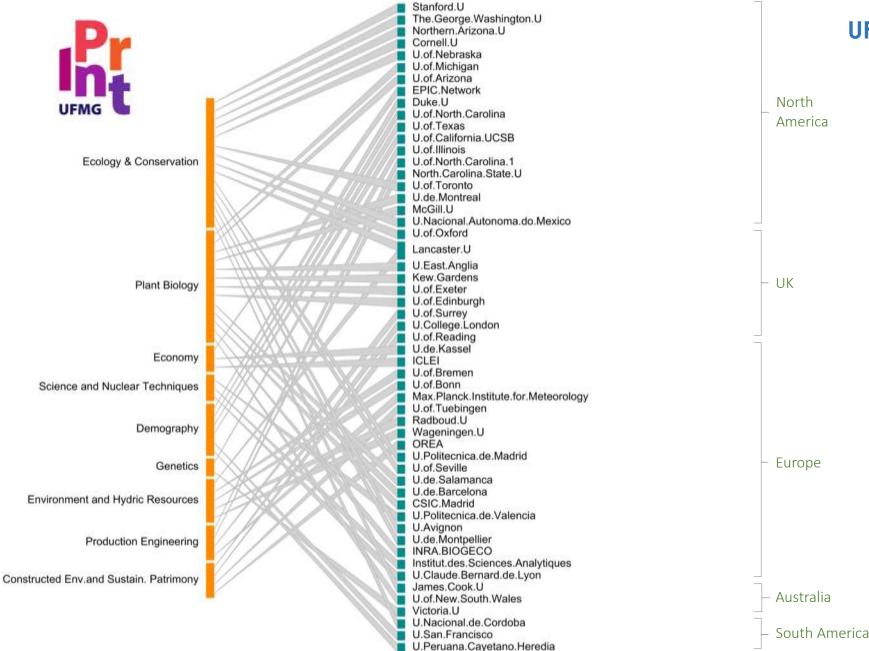






# UFMG Graduate programs taking part in the project on CLIMATE CHANGE



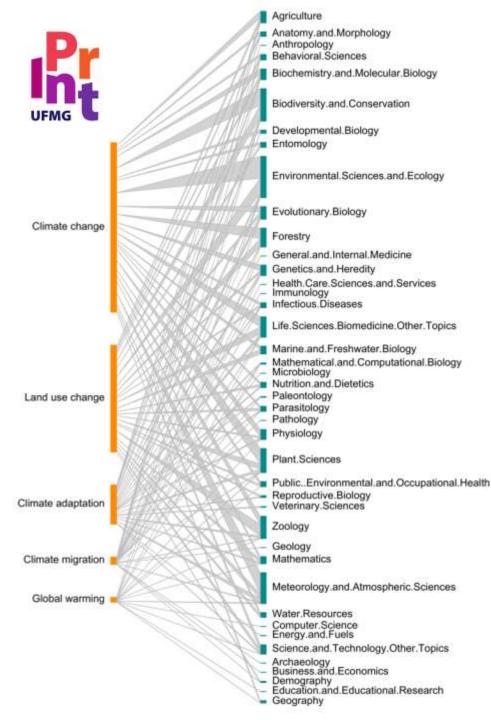


#### Web of Interactions **UFMG** - International Institutions

America

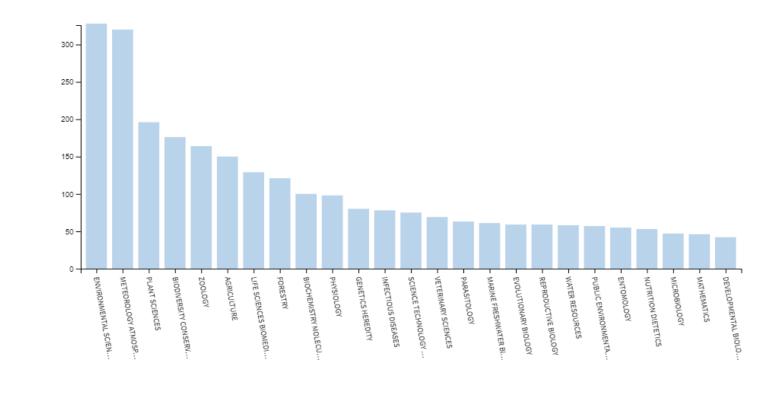
### **Partner institutions to** which we have collaboration in Climate Change (so far)

New collaborations will be most welcome!



## **UFMG and Climate Change**

### •Production of articles by different departments on climate change topics





# **Current Projects**





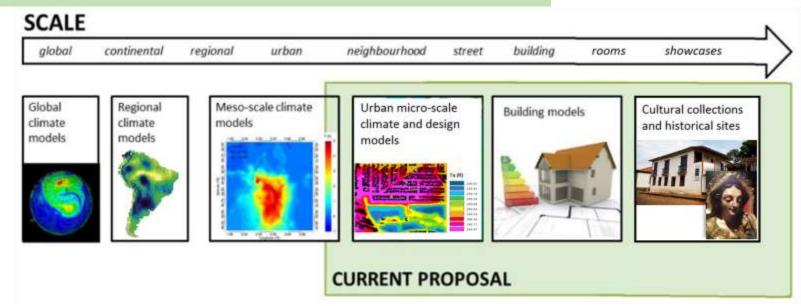


### **Built Environment and Sustainable Heritage**

<u>Aim</u>: study the urbanization influence on local climate change by means of experimental approach and modeling. Study the impacts of climate change on the preservation of cultural collections and historical sites. Develop new interdisciplinar methods and techniques for urban climate and water sensitive planning and design, protection of cultural collections, risk analysis and public politics and governance.

#### FOCUS ON

- $\checkmark$  Monitoring of the surface energy balance in the city of Belo Horizonte
- ✓ Project Mega-City
- ✓ Project Climate Map for Urban Planning in Belo Horizonte
- $\checkmark\,$  Climate change impacts on the cultural collections preservation





### **Crop Science**

**Aim:** Assessment of carbon stocks and greenhouse gas emissions from land use change and in different agricultural systems

- ✓ Measurement and modeling soil carbon stocks
- ✓ Measurement of greenhouse gas emissions from land use change
- ✓ Measurement of greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture
- ✓ Conservation agriculture and soil carbon sequestration
- ✓ Biochar as a soil amendment and carbon sequestering tool





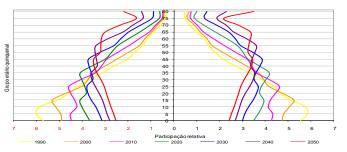
# Demography

*Aim*: To understand the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change, specifically: i) the vulnerability of coupled human – environment systems, ii) design and implementation of methodologies of vulnerability analysis, iii) design of adaptation policies and planning capacities at several scales

- ✓ Urbanization
- ✓ Amazon
- ✓ Semi-Arid
- ✓ Brazil
- ✓ Latin America









### Demography

**Rede Clima – Brazilian Network for Climate Change Research** 

### Active participation of Demography at Rede Clima:

- Titular member in the Scientific Committee
- Coordination of the network "Cities and Urbanization"



Agricultura, Biodiversidade e Ecossistemas, Cidades e Urbanização, Desastres Naturais, Desenvolvimento Regional, Divulgação Científica, Economia, Energias Renováveis, Modelagem Climática, Oceanos, Políticas Públicas, Recursos Hídricos, Saúde, Serviços Ambientais dos Ecossistemas, Usos da Terra e Zonas Costeiras



### Ecology, Conservation & Wildlife Management

Aim: To understand the effects of climate change on the mechanisms and processes that shape biodiversity and functioning of Brazilian ecosystems, especially in mountain and aquatic environments

> **CLIMATE SIGNALS** in Climate Sensitive Areas

- ✓ Mountain ecosystem biodiversity and functioning ✓ Mountains as barometers of climate change
- ✓ Deep web Interactions
- ✓ *Restoration of extreme ecosystems*
- ✓ Bee collapse and pollination impact
- ✓ Enriched CO<sub>2</sub> and Temperature effects on wildlife and agriculture
- ✓ *Ecosystem services and sustainability*
- ✓ *Climate and aquatic ecosystem biodiversity*
- ✓ *Mining and ecosystem functioning*
- ✓ Policy making and science





### Economics

**Aim**: To measure the economic impacts of climate change and adaptation and mitigation policies, assessing costs, benefits and opportunities



- ✓ Economic impacts of climate change in Brazil
- ✓ Impacts of land use change and policies
- ✓ Impacts of carbon pricing on the Brazilian economy
- ✓ Economic impacts of low carbon technology policies in agriculture
   ✓ Impacts, costs and opportunities of energy policies





# Genetics

**Aim:** Study the evolutionary dynamics of high altitude grassland biodiversity: past responses to climate changes and future projections

- ✓ Genetic data on species populations threatened by climate change at mountain tops in Southeastern Brazil
- $\checkmark$  Evolutionary interactions of microorganisms and plants at the rhizosphere and leaf levels
- ✓ Endophyte-plant relationships
- ✓ Bioprospection: plant secondary chemistry, adaptation, and drug discovery



### Geography



**Aim**: Understanding the environmental dynamics from the integration between the climate and the natural and anthropic systems (relief, vegetation and land use).

- ✓ Simultaneous comparisons in urban, rural and remnant areas
- ✓ Obtaining climatic indicators of environmental change
- ✓ Climate as a component of space organizations, based on the relationship between natural and anthropic system

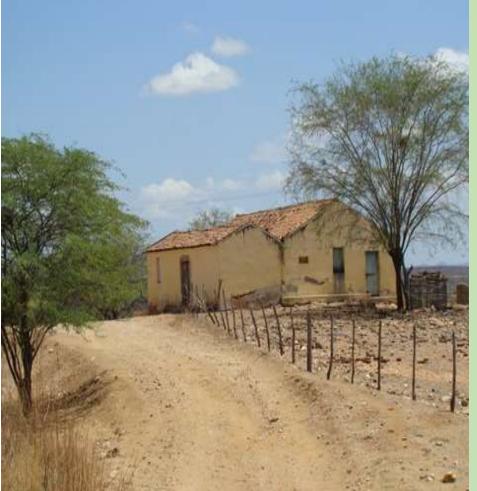




# History

**Aim**: to understand the impact of climate change on past societies and cultures, with a focus on climate sensitive/arid-prone landscapes and non-élite contexts in Brazilian and World History.

THE OCCUPATION OF DROUGHT-PRONE AREAS: A COMPARATIVE APPROACH (left: northeast Brazil; right: Roman-period south Italy)



Focus on the effects of past climate change on:

- Social inequality, marginalization and abuse
- ✓ The agency of non-élite people
- ✓ Migration and mobility
- ✓ Human resilience
- ✓ Societal change and collapse
- ✓ Socioenvironmental
- stress
- Violence and warfare





### Nuclear Science and Technology

**Aim:** (1) Nuclear energy for GHG mitigation; (2) historical-social construction of the pattern of use and supply of energy; (3) evaluation of the inclusion of costs that may affect society and / or the environment; (4) Environmental consequences of energy production and use: decommissioning of energy production and use infrastructures and waste management. (5) Exergy analysis: cogeneration (6) Increased  $CO_2$  emissions due to burning of fossil fuels and deforestation (7) Possible scenarios for insertion of energy efficiency and hybrid and electric cars. The role of energy in the anchoring of environmental projects





### Plant Biology

**Aim**: To evaluate the effect of climate change in plant communities at the micro- and macroecological and evolutionary level; Changes in the physiological limits, development and germination, adaptation to temperature and moisture; responses in the dynamic and biodiversity of aquatic communities to climate change indicators.

- ✓ Temperature limits for plant germination and development
- Temperature and soil moisture in modulating seed dormancy cycles
- ✓ Plant macroecology and evolutionary ecology
- ✓ Plant genetic diversity, evolutionary history and distribution
- ✓ Shifts in phytoplankton communities in tropical and temperate aquatic environment.



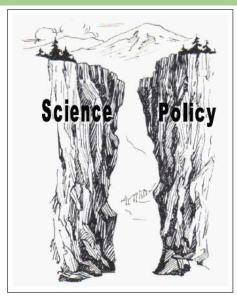




# **Production Engineering**

**Aim:** Economic engineering, Statistical modeling and social studies of science and technology, Work and expertise applied to understanding and intervening in the management of policies to mitigate climate change and sustainable productive chains.

- Implementation of the Brazilian Forest Code
- ✓ Impact assessment of Low Carbon Agriculture, focusing on livestock
- $\checkmark$  Transparency of production chains and deforestation data
- ✓ History of land use models and territorial management of the Amazon.
- ✓ Climate policy evaluation and making processes
- ✓ Interface between science-activism-policy







#### Sanitation, Environment and Water Resources

**Aim**: To understand the impact of local air pollution in climate change, to estimate health and economic impacts, to simulate emission control strategies and benefits.

#### Focus on

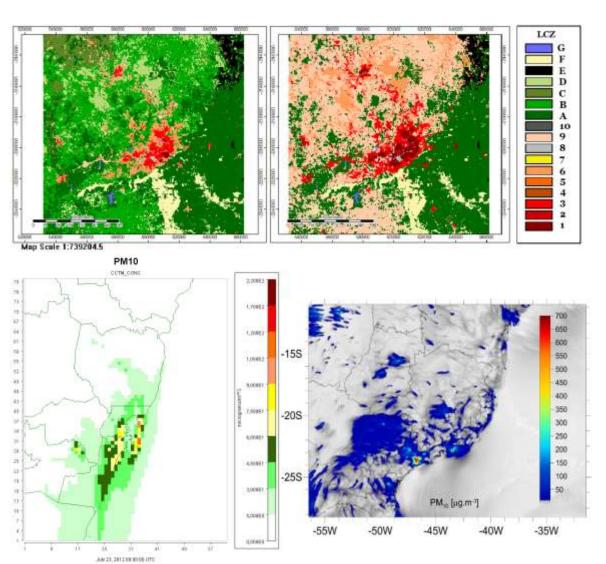
 ✓ Air quality impacts of climate change in Brazil

 ✓ Impacts of land use change in meteorological conditions

✓ Atmospheric conditions in urban areas

✓ Effect of Local Climate Zone classification

 ✓ Emissions Control Strategies
 ✓ Numerical Modelling Applications in Air pollution and Meteorology Studies





SAMPLE OF MAJOR GRADUATE COURSES THAT HAVE A FOCUS ON CLIMATE CHANGE



| Energy resources and Technology Energy End Uses   |                      |               |                                       |                    |
|---|----------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Social and Environmenta   | I aspects of Energy  | Energy co     | nversion systems                      | Energy planning    |
| Soil microbiology and biochemistry Energy Resources Exergy analysis of processes  |                      |               |                                       |                    |
| Integrated production systems Conservation of plant genetic resources   |                      |               |                                       |                    |
| Carbon Management   | Low Carbo            | n Agricultur  | e Soil orga                           | inic matter        |
| Air Quality and Meteorology   | Modelling Evaluati   | on and Diagn  | ostics of Air Pollutior               | Nuclear Energy     |
| Environmental recovery of urban springsCultural collections preservationand historical fountainsunder climate changeAir Pollution Control |                      |               |                                       |                    |
| Urban morphology and landscape planning   | Educational Partner  | ships for     | Energy efficiency<br>an integrated ap |                    |
| Field courses Urban climate, energy and city planning and design Smart cities models  |                      |               |                                       |                    |
| Macroecology Plant functional and phylogenetic diversity Vernacular constructions and   |                      |               |                                       |                    |
| Ecological webs Plant meta  | abolism Experiment   | al Botany r   | estoration                            |                    |
| Niche modeling Plant -ani   | mal and -microorgani | sm interactio | ns Ecophysiology o                    | f plants and algae |
| Ecosystem services      Natural Resource Economics      Environmental Economics      Biogeography   |                      |               |                                       |                    |
| Experimental Ecology      Economic and environmental modeling      General Equilibrium models   |                      |               |                                       |                    |
| Environmental Impacts History and the Environment Nature and Power Input-output models  |                      |               |                                       |                    |
| Plant-animal interactions Environmental history of antiquity Climate change in History  |                      |               |                                       |                    |
| Restoration of Extreme environments Introduction to Socio-environmental Studies   |                      |               |                                       |                    |
| Functional and Phylogenetic Diversity      Environmental History: Evidence and Methods  |                      |               |                                       |                    |



### **Funding agencies**

- FAPEMIG
- CNPQ
- CAPES
- Anglo American
- Arcelor Mittal
- CNEM
- Conservation International
- CYTED
- Eletronuclear
- EMBRAPA
- FAPESP
- FINEP
- Fundação Carlos Chagas
- Genome Canada

- Global Opportunities Fund (United Kingdon)
- International Association for Plant
  Taxonomy
- Inter-American Institute (IAI)
- Ministry of Environment
- Ministry of Science, Technology, Innovations, and Communications
- Rede Clima Brazilian Network for Climate Change Research
- The Andrew Mellon Foundation
- United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
- Vale
- WHO (World Health Organization

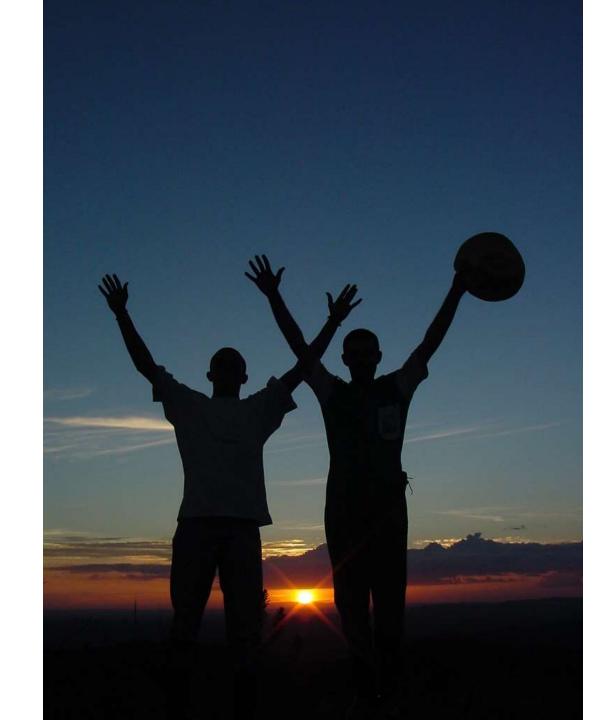




# Concluding remarks for the project on CLIMATE CHANGE

- We are following the heat provoked by climate change on ecosystems, societies, and human welfare
- We have the space, the motivation and people to better predict and craft the future of all
- But we can do much better in synergy, in collaboration with you!





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Gracias ! Thank you ! Tack ! Merci ! Grazie ! Danke ! Bedankt! Obrigado!