

# “Urban Ecosystem Services and Sustainability”

A Geography Colloquium presentation by **Dr. Stephanie Pincetl**

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Dr. Stephanie Pincetl, Director of the Center for Sustainable Urban Systems, has a PhD from UCLA’s former Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning. She is a Researcher at the Institute of the Environment and Sustainability at UCLA and a Social Science Researcher at the US Forest Service Pacific Southwest Research Station. She has published extensively on issues of environmental policies and regulation. The content of her research is land use, land use change, with a focus on urban environments and the transformation of their natural environments. The theoretical core of her research is environmental politics, policies and governance and specifically, the ways that rules and rulemaking impact the participants in decision-making and the content of decisions. Rules can be formal or informal, hard or soft, but they form the boundaries of what is perceived of as possible. Dr. Pincetl has studied land use, infrastructure, and environmental preservation or services.



## **Abstract:**

With the increased interest in the ways in which cities can become more sustainable and remediate their own pollution, programs are being implemented across the country to augment urban forests, install stormwater infiltration infrastructure among other initiatives. The study of the Los Angeles Million Tree program, sponsored by the National Science Foundation, has revealed paradoxes researchers should delve into more systematically to ensure these approaches don’t have unintended consequences, and the goal of greater urban sustainability is not lost.