THE POLITICAL ECOLOGY OF COASTAL NORTHEASTERN MEXICO: FROM PREHISPANIC TO THE GLOBAL PRESENT

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Based on thirteen years of anthropological fieldwork in the coastal area of northwest Mexico, this presentation will address the economic, political, and environmental changes that have taken place in this region from prehispanic through the present periods of neo liberal and global economies. As an illustration I will provide an ethnographic analysis of the manner in which rural communities and households in the Mexican state of Sinaloa adjust and adapt to changing circumstances created by environmental and economic transformations. Finally, I will discuss my present and future research that focuses on the role of gender and environmental sustainability in coastal communities.

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