



Abstract : Thematic Session to the ESPI IREC – International Real Estate Conference  
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**CENTRAAL project** - Mapping environmental protection policies and transport infrastructure in Latin America.

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CENTRAAL aims to set up a multidisciplinary teaching exchange module in Environmental Economics, Geography and Ecology. Its goal is to create a research network considering biodiversity and the deployment of infrastructure in urban areas in Latin America.

The purpose of this teaching module is to unveil the connections between the development of linear transport infrastructure and its rights-of-way, urban growth and environmental issues, specifically on biodiversity and ecosystem services. The CENTRAAL project brings together the complementary expertise of three academic institutions (CATIE, USIL, ESPI), the company Setec, specialized in infrastructure construction, and the research center CEREMA. This assembly constitutes a teaching and research consortium on the integration of biodiversity and ecosystems in infrastructure in Latin America.

The CENTRAAL project is part of the Regional Program France and Latin America (PREFALC), set up by the French Ministry of Research and Education and the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs and whose management has been entrusted to the *Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme* (FMSH).

The CENTRAAL session focuses on the effects of transport infrastructure development on the preservation of natural areas and the production of environmental goods and services. The session presents empirical studies on the implementation of public policies, economic instruments and environmental management.

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