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## Session Submittal Confirmation

Dear Ashwini Chhatre, Congratulations on a successful submission of your session to the 2010 Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. Your session details are as follows:

<b>Title:</b>	<i>Climate Adaptation, Landscapes, and Institutions (CALI) VII</i>
<b>Description:</b>	Adaptation to future climate change must be undertaken despite substantial uncertainty about the location, intensity, frequency, and disruptive potential of many climate impacts and ongoing social transformations. Historical adaptations, in contrast to adaptation needs derived from projected future climate impacts, share a key characteristic with the kind of future adaptations that will (need to) occur: they occurred in response to climatic phenomena as these were experienced in concrete social, economic, cultural, and political settings. Such concreteness of adaptation - in specific settings - needs greater scholarly and research attention. Papers in this and following CALI panels advance a deeper understanding of adaptations to climate phenomena by taking the mutually constitutive relationships between adaptations, landscapes, and institutions seriously. In highlighting the mutual constitution of climate adaptation with institutions and landscapes, papers in this and following sessions present scholarship that resist simplistic characterizations that identify institutions with 'the social' and landscapes with 'the physical' in thinking about the process of adaptation to climatic phenomena as they happen in particular contexts. The papers attend to the process through which communities and landscapes are mutually constituted, leading to a strong coupling between social and ecological systems. Institutions and landscapes are both products of history; so are adaptations. The crucible of responses to climate change - crafted by the multiple ways in which adaptive strategies, institutions, and landscapes come together - needs to be understood at the different temporal and spatial scales of its contingent formation rather than being taken for granted.
<b>Anticipated Attendance:</b>	75
<b>Organizers:</b>	Ashwini Chhatre Maria Carmen Lemos
<b>Chairs:</b>	James P. McCarthy
<b>Participants:</b>	<p>Presenter: Andrea Nightingale, <i>Researching a 'moving target': climate change, resources governance and post-conflict institutions in Nepal</i></p> <p>Presenter: Jeff Popke, <i>Producing Vulnerability: Access Control and Maintenance in a Sahelian Forest</i></p> <p>Presenter: Maria Carmen Lemos, <i>Building Adaptive Governance under Climate Change: Knowledge, democracy and diversity in water management in Brazil</i></p> <p>Presenter: Susanne E. Freidberg, <i>Food as Flowchart: The Strange New World of Carbon Footprinting</i></p> <p>Discussant: James P. McCarthy</p>
<b>Sponsorships:</b>	Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group Development Geographies Specialty Group Human Dimensions of Global Change Specialty Group

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