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My name is Laura Sacchi, biologist, and currently I am finishing my Phd studies in social sciences, particularly en geography. My interest is study and understanding of links and interrelations between social and natural systems. I understand the relevance this kind of studies to resolve and prevent conflicts beginning by use of ecosystem services and territory. Specifically, I am doing my research in Argentinean Dry Chaco, one area with high deforestations rate and high poverty levels. My study focuses on who and how perceives and use ES, and land-use changes in the region. Understanding of dynamics should be later incorporated in decision maker sectors, to resolve conflicts and to develop conservation policies adequate to local context.