



## **The actual crisis scenario of artisanal fisheries in the estuary of Patos Lagoon (Southern Brazil)**

A presentation by

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The small scale fisheries in the estuary of Patos lagoon are collapsing, threatening the sustainability of artisanal fisheries communities. This collapse is related to problems with fisheries management and resource exploitation. The project, "Participatory small-scale fisheries management in coastal Brazil: implications for fishers' livelihoods and biodiversity conservation," is searching for solutions to this crisis in Patos Lagoon and in two other regions of Southeast Brazil. The goal is to minimize these problems and to create better conditions in support of sustainable livelihoods in these fisheries communities. As a participatory management instrument, the Forum of Patos Lagoon has established a space for debate where the government, the fishers and all the other institutions interested in fisheries can seek better solutions to these management issues.

Carolina has a background in marine biology and is currently enrolled in a master's program in Geography at the University of Rio Grande in Brazil. Her master's research is on "Integrated Management of Shared and Marine Coastal Territories: Implications for Artisanal Fishing and Conservation of Biodiversity." Her research is focused in the Patos Lagoon area of southern Brazil.

Carolina is currently in Canada as part of an inter-institutional exchange program for Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program (ELAP). The goal of ELAP is to support the development of human capital and a next generation of Leaders in the Americas while strengthening the linkages between Canadian post-secondary institutions and the ones in Latin America and the Caribbean. Her host institution is the University of Manitoba.

**Light refreshments will be served.**

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