

Ignacio Oliva

Short Biography

Ignacio Oliva is an environmental economist studying how changes in natural capital affect ecosystem services, inequality, and human welfare. One central line of his research examines the unintended consequences of nature-based climate policies on ecosystem services, with particular attention to freshwater availability and wildfire risk. A second line of work asks how ecosystem service losses alter the social value of nature and the social cost of carbon, accounting for national and global inequality. His research combines empirical causal methods with integrated assessment modeling. Ignacio is a Ph.D. candidate in Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of California, Davis. Prior to graduate school, he worked at the Institute for Sustainable Development at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.