Rendering climate change governable

• Discourses shape how CC is viewed as an issue to be governed
• Study explored roles of policy narratives and expertise in making CC governable in LDCs with illustrations from Cambodia
Patterns

Policy Narratives

- Mitigation is compatible with sustained economic growth (Low carbon)

Expert Technologies

- CC complex so assume high reliance on scientific knowledge, tools & technologies
  - Certified emission credits
  - Carbon content
  - Carbon accounting

- Lots of work for northern experts
Findings

• Policy narratives of donor dominate, but are co-opted by national government
• Responses are framed in technical terms that draw on expert knowledge, tools and technologies
• Mitigation viewed through currency of carbon credits downplays other ecosystem services and values
• Combination of donor-driven policy narratives and expert technologies de-politicizes CC
Future research

• What new dependencies on northern expertise and technologies have been created?

• How can opportunities for meaningful public engagement in shaping national responses to CC be created and supported?