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### Can a Developing Nation Lead the World on Climate Change? Costa Rica's Path to Carbon Neutrality

**WHEN:** December 1, 2009 | 4:30 – 6:00PM  
**WHERE:** Luce Hall at 34 Hillhouse Avenue (a reception to follow)  
**COST:** Free and open to the public  
**ORGANIZER:** CO2neutral2021.org Team

*Join a multidisciplinary team of Yale students from FES, SOM and Law who worked together to help a country understand its carbon emissions performance and rethink its strategy.*

Costa Rica aims to be the first country to attain carbon neutrality. However, it faces distinct policy, technology and economic challenges. The country is at a historical crossroads on climate change with COP-15 and national elections on the horizon. co2neutral2021, an organization of young professionals intent on helping the country reach the goal, is looking for Yale students interested in working with them on future projects. The session will also discuss Latin American views on climate change.

Our speakers have travelled from Costa Rica. Hortensia Solis is the sustainability manager at Coopedota and is working on biofuels and carbon-neutral products. Roberto Jimenez (SOM '09) leads co2neutral2021 and will work with Shell on CO2 grand strategy. Daniella Aburto (FES '10), Paul Beaton (FES-Law '10), and Lowry Pressly (Law '11) –all members of co2neutral2021 –will also participate.

This is a recent case study on how Yale students can work to tackle tough climate and energy challenges.

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