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In *Reconsidering REDD+: Authority, Power and Law in the Green Economy*, Julia Dehm provides a critical analysis of how the REDD+ scheme operates to reorganise social relations and to establish new forms of global authority over forests in the Global South in ways that benefit the interests of some actors while further marginalising others. In accessible prose that draws on interdisciplinary insights, Dehm demonstrates how, through the creation of new legal relations, including property rights and contractual obligations, new forms of transnational authority over forested areas in the Global South are being constituted. This important work should be read by anyone interested in a critical analysis of international climate law and policy that offers insights into questions of political economy, power and unequal authority.

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Abbreviations

AAU	assigned amount unit
ADP	Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action
AFOLU	agriculture, forestry and other land use
A/R	afforestation and reforestation
AWG-KP	Ad Hoc Working Group on the Kyoto Protocol
AWG-LCA	Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action
BAU	business-as-usual
CAFI	Central African Forest Initiative
CBDR	common but differentiated responsibilities
CBDR-RC	common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities
CDM	Clean Development Mechanism
CERs	certified emission reductions
CIFOR	Center for International Forestry Research
CMA	Conference of the Parties Serving as Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement
CMP	Conference of the Parties Serving as Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol
CO <sub>2</sub>	carbon dioxide
CO <sub>2</sub> e	carbon dioxide equivalent
COP	Conference of the Parties
CORSIA	Carbon Offset and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation
CPF	Collaborative Partnership on Forests
CPR	common property regime
CPRNet	Common Property Resources Management Network
ER	emission reduction
ERPA	Emission Reduction Purchase Agreement

ER-PIN	Emission Reduction–Program Idea Note
ESF	Environmental and Social Framework
ESS7	Environmental and Social Standard 7
ETS	emissions trading scheme
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations
FCPF	Forest Carbon Partnership Facility
FERL/FRL	forest emission reference level/forest reference level
FoEI	Friends of the Earth International
FPIC	free, prior and informed consent
FPP	Forest Peoples Programme
GHG	greenhouse gas
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
IEL	international environmental law
IETA	International Emissions Trading Association
IIED	International Institute for Environment and Development
IIPFCC	International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change
IISD	International Institute for Sustainable Development
ILA	International Law Association
INDC	intended nationally determined contribution
ITMO	internationally transferred mitigation outcome
ITTA	International Tropical Timber Agreement
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature
JI	Joint Implementation
KFCP	Kalimantan Forest Carbon Partnership
LULUCF	land use, land-use change and forestry
MMRV/ MRV	monitoring, measuring report and verification/ measuring, reporting and verification
NAMA	nationally appropriate mitigation actions
NDC	nationally determined contributions
NGO	non-governmental organisation
NIEO	New International Economic Order
NMM	new market mechanisms
ODA	overseas development assistance
ODI	Overseas Development Institute
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
OHCHR	Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
PES	payment for environmental services
ppm	parts per million
PSNR	permanent sovereignty over natural resources
QELRC	quantified emission limitation or reduction commitments
RED	Reducing Emissions from Deforestation

REDD+	Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation
REL/RL	reference emission levels/reference level
R-Package	Readiness Package
R-PIN	Readiness Plan Idea Note
R-PP	Readiness Preparation Proposal
RRI	Rights and Resources Initiative
SSAHUTLC	Sub-Saharan African Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities
SBI	Subsidiary Body for Implementation
SBSTA	Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice
SFM	sustainable forest management
tCO <sub>2</sub> e	tonne carbon dioxide equivalent
TEEB	The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity
TFAP	Tropical Forest Action Plan
TWAIL	Third World Approaches to International Law
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNCITRAL	United Nations Committee on International Trade Law
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNDRIP	United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFF	United Nations Forum on Forests
UNPFII	United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples
UN-REDD	United Nations collaborative initiative on Reducing Emission from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) in developing countries
US	United States of America
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VGGT	Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security
WRI	World Resources Institute
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature