This talk will report on on-going studies at three sites in the Brazilian Amazon where the speaker has been working on the three dimensions of land use, population, and environment for the past 16 years. Migration flows have been a powerful force over this time, as well as the internal dynamics of household decision-making interacting with the macro-economy. There is evident transformation of landscapes, strong urbanization development, and a move towards land consolidation.

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