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Ariela is joining NSF as an AAS Science and technology Policy Fellow in the Division of Chemical, Bioengineering, Environmental and Transport Systems (CBET) in the Directorate for Engineering. Ariela is trained as an applied and cultural anthropologist with specialties in environment, food, and economy. After receiving her PhD from Columbia University in 2013, she became a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Illinois, Chicago's Institute for the Humanities. Ariela has a strong interest in food security, agriculture and livelihoods and has conducted research on these issues in the Bolivian Amazon, Argentina, Mexico, Texas, and New York City. Some of her prior research has included work on the social, environmental, political and economic relationships between beef cattle ranching in the Bolivia Amazon and cattle breeding programs in Texas, the effects of the transition between subsistence agriculture and market oriented agriculture on diet among indigenous peoples in the Bolivian Amazon, and cultural conceptions of food security in Argentina.