

An aerial photograph of the ancient Inca city of Machu Picchu, showing its terraced stone structures and a central courtyard, set against a backdrop of steep, forested mountains and a prominent jagged peak under a cloudy sky.

*Latin America*

# A WEB QUEST

# What is Latin America?

Latin America is a vibrant collection of nations in the Western Hemisphere that speak mainly Spanish and Portuguese. It includes Mexico, Central America and South America.

Although Brazil is the only country that speaks Portuguese instead of Spanish, it is larger than any of the other nations in Latin America.



Let's take a closer look at South America, beginning with its physical geography.

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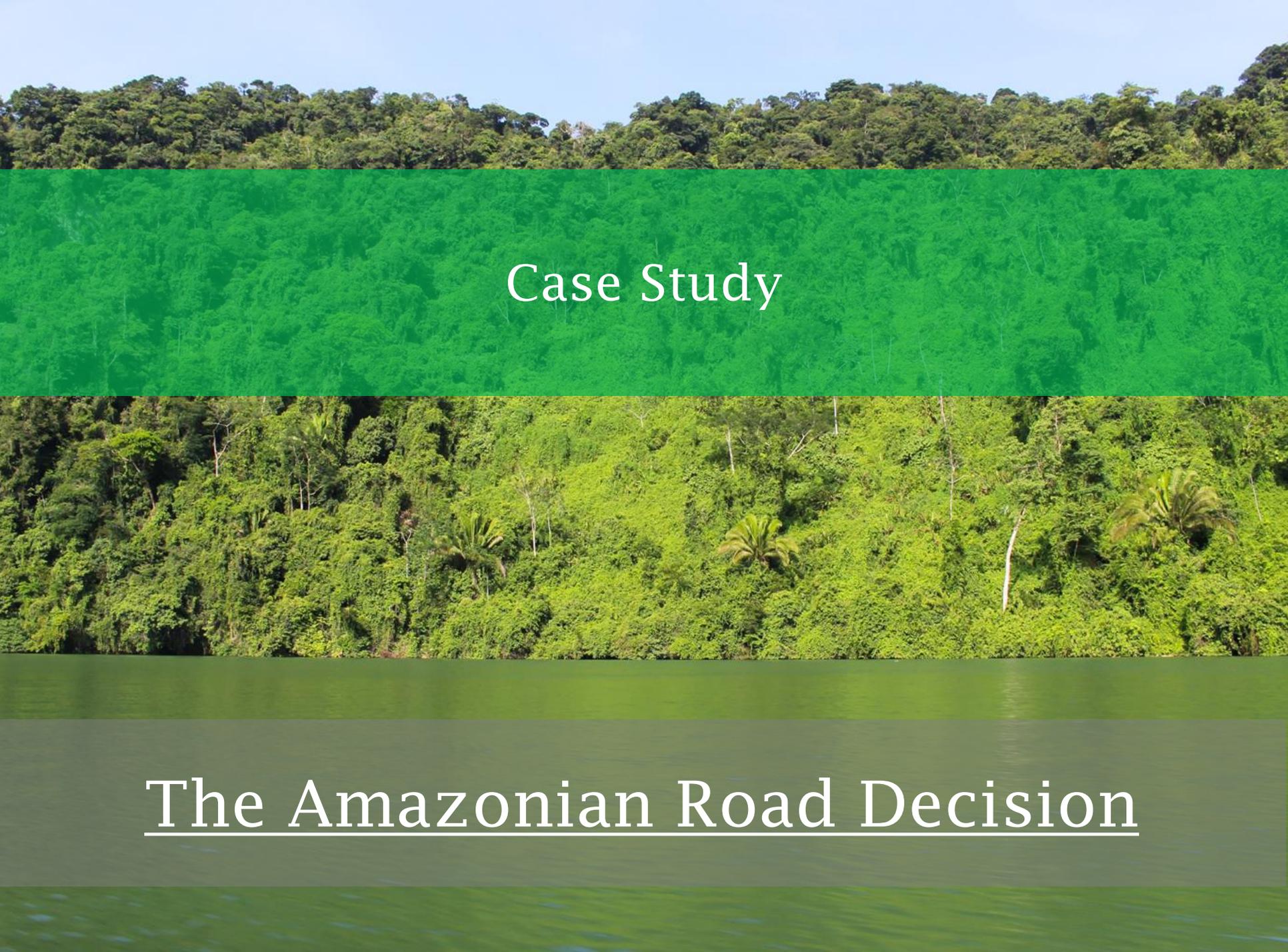
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## Case Study

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