In this lecture, Ana Ochoa Sánchez will discuss evidence of observed changes in natural and human systems in the Andes (detection) and their attribution to anthropogenic climate change. Mountains are among the areas most vulnerable to climate change impacts; therefore, monitoring the advance of anthropogenic influence in the climate and consequently on physical (cryosphere and water), biological (agriculture, terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems), and human (energy, disasters, tourism, migration, human health and community changes and cultural values) systems is important to advance our understanding of complex interactions among those systems to prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference and develop and implement better adaptation responses to climate change.

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