COURSE DETAIL

EXTRACTIVISM AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE GLOBAL SOUTH

Country
Netherlands

Host Institution
Maastricht University – University College Maastricht

Program(s)
University College Maastricht

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Latin American Studies Environmental Studies

UCEAP Course Number
112

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
EXTRACTIVISM AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE GLOBAL SOUTH

UCEAP Transcript Title
ENVR JUST: LATIN AM

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units
4.00

Course Description

This course will explore development and underdevelopment in Latin America with a focus on contemporary resource extraction i.e. extractivism. We will analyze these problems from an anthropological perspective by focusing on local and indigenous groups experiences, and exploring the concepts, theories and alternatives coming from Latin American political and intellectual scene itself. We will begin by examining how during the second half of the XX century, "Development" became the buzzword that encompassed state intervention, urbanization projects, foreign aid and investments, and intellectual contributions such as Dependence Theory. We will focus on the changes associated with Globalization and Neoliberalism after the 1990s and the implications for Latin American local/indigenous groups. We will then examine the boom of natural resource extraction projects, and discuss case studies, debates and environmental controversies in local/indigenous territories. We will then place attention on social movements and activist networks that emerge in these contexts, and finish the course by discussing key concepts such as "post development" "post extractivism" or "Buen Vivir", proposed by Latin American thought as alternatives to "development".

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
SSC3060

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