

Social Equity and Care for the Earth: Tensions and Synergies in Latin America and Beyond

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The pursuit of human flourishing for all in balance with ecosystems is today's greatest challenge. Yet, these two objectives often remain in tension. Little is known about which conditions facilitate these objectives to be in synergy, bring them in tension, or undermine them both. The aim of this symposium is to understand better these conditions at a micro territorial level. Some of the common questions it explores are: How is the idea of social equity mobilized by different actors? How is the idea of care for the earth, or environmental concern, invoked and translated into different demands, policies and practices? How is injustice experienced and voiced by different actors? What are their conceptions of social and environmental justice and how do they mobilize them? How do they adopt and vernacularize global discourses in their local realities? Who bears the costs of social inequity and/or environmental injustice and the benefits of environmental remediation efforts, and at which scale?



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Thursday 29th September (All times London time, GMT+1)
14.00-14.05: Welcome and introduction (S��verine Deneulin)
14.05-14.35: Troubling Development: Cross-Border Citizen Legal Experiments in Central America (Ainhoa Montoya – University of London)
14.35-15.05: Land Reform and Water Politics in the Ecuadorian Andes: Spatial and Temporal Dimensions of Socioenvironmental Change (Geoff Goodwin – University of Leeds)
Break
16.00-16.30: Environmental justice in the Matanza-Riachuelo River Basin (Ann Mitchell and Mariano Rabassa – Catholic University of Argentina)
16.30-17.00: Inequality and Extraction: A multi-scalar analysis of rural water provision in Western India (Mihika Chatterjee – University of Bath)
17.00-17.30: Overall discussion and summary
Friday 30th September (All times London time, GMT+1)
14.00-14.10: Taking stock of day 1: Common threads and divergences
14.10-14.40: Social conflicts over the use of water resources in Chile: The role of social movements and business power (Ignacio Schiappacasse – Universidad T��cnica Federico Santa Maria, Chile)
14.40-15.10: Beyond illegality: Survival and accumulation in the Amazonian borders (Deborah Delgado – Catholic University of Peru)
Break
16.00-16.30: Environmental Justice in Mexico's Tropical Forest Frontier: Development and Environmental Policy in Historical Perspective (Santiago Izquierdo-Tort - Universit�� du Qu��bec en Outaouais)
16.30-17.00: Overall discussion and summary