

The State of Extraction: Corporate Imperatives, Public Knowledge, and Global Struggles for Alternatives

March 27-29 2015

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Friday March 27—SFU Harbour Centre Campus (515 West Hastings St.)

1:00pm: Welcome by Coast Salish Nations. Room 1400

Audrey Siegl (Musqueam First Nation), Carlene Thomas (Tsleil-waututh First Nation) and Taylor George-Hollis (Squamish First Nation).

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip (President of Union of BC Indian Chiefs)

2pm: Panel: The State of Extraction: Oil, Gas, Coal, and More . Room 1400

Intro: Stephen Collis & Samir Gandesha (SFU)

Leila Darwish (Council of Canadians), Dr. Doug McArthur (Graduate School of Public Policy, SFU), Jen Moore (Mining Watch), Kevin Washbrook (VTACC).

4-6pm Roundtable: The State of Global Community Impacts & Resistance. Room 1400

Steve Stewart, Moderator (Program Director, CoDev and Mining Justice Alliance), Rueben George (Tsleil Waututh FN), Caleb Behn (Dene FN), Angelica Choc (Kekchi Maya / Guatemala), Chandu Claver (Philippines), Patrick Ochieng (Kenya).

6-7:30pm: Reception. Centre for Dialogue

Friday Evening

7:30pm Keynote: Room 1400

Chris Hedges (ticket required); Dr. Bob Hackett - Introduction (SFU School of Communications)

Saturday March 28—SFU Harbour Centre Campus (515 West Hastings St.)

9am-12pm: Grassroots Community Workshops (see details below)

12pm-3pm: Toxic Tour (Mining Justice Alliance)

3pm Roundtable: Indigenous Rights, Land, and Alternatives. Room 1900

Toghestiy & Freda (Wet'suwet'en/Unist'ot'en Camp), Melina Laboucan-Massimo (Lubican Cree First Nation), Kanahus Manuel (Secwepmec Women Warriors), Melissa Daniels, (Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation), Richard Wright (House of Luutkudziiwus/Madii Lii Camp)

5pm Keynote: Room 1900

Glen Coulthard (UBC)

Saturday Evening

7:30pm: Film Screenings: *Directly Affected* & *The Devil Operation*: film screening. Room 1900

Sunday March 29—SFU Harbour Centre Campus (515 West Hastings St.)

9am-12pm: Grassroots Community workshops (see details below)

12pm Panel: Extractivism, the Law, and Human Rights. Room 1900

Caleb Behn (Dene First Nation) with: Rachel Ariss (UofO, Aboriginal Law), Cory Wanless (Klippensteins Barristers and Solicitors), Alain Deneault (author)

2pm Keynote: Room 1900

Aziz Choudry (McGill)

3pm-5pm: Plenary Discussion. Room 1900

Post-conference strategy and collective statement of purpose

7pm: Poetry Reading: Room 1900

Judith Goldman, Mark Nowak, Jonathan Skinner

Morning workshop schedule:

Saturday 9-10:30AM

1. Clayoquot Sound, Mt. Polley and Burnaby Mountain. Bonny Glambeck and Dan Lewis (Clayoquot Action). **Room 1500**

Join Clayoquot Action's Bonny Glambeck and Dan Lewis for a visual journey from the heart of Clayoquot Sound's Tribal Parks to the Mount Polley mine disaster, and on to Burnaby Mountain. Find out how they are all connected (hint: hishuk ish tsawalk).

2. Research on Extraction: what for and for whom. Ana Elia Ramon Hidalgo, Sam Stime, Bjorn Stime **Room 1505**

This is a participatory workshop, drawing on experience and expertise of all participants, as we take a deep dive into the terms, ethics, mandate, partner network, and funding mechanisms for academic research on Canadian extractive industries, creating a document that is both a viable proposal and a constructive alternative to the federally-funded and mandated extractives institute now in place at SFU and UBC. Following a brief presentation about the current extractives institute, we invite participants to break into workgroups to address (a) whose value systems/paradigms should guide extractives research, (b) on which issues/themes the research should center, (c) how a research group should be organized, and (d) with whom partnerships should be made or avoided. After the conference, the workshop organizers will assemble the recommendations for a participatory report to be shared with relevant university officials and with the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development who mandated the current extractives institute.

3. Analysing Capitalism A System to Extract Life from Planet and People. Roger Annis (Intro.), Chris Williams (System Change not Climate Change). **Room 1525**

A talk and open discussion analyzing the structure and operation of capitalism in the 21st century and why extractivism has become a focus for its continued expansion. This explains why it is impossible for international climate negotiations to go anywhere, as well as why a solution to the ecological crisis is impossible under capitalism.

4. The Report from Latin America: Miguel Mijangos & Luis Corral. **Room 2270**

Luis Corral is a member of the Peoples Assembly of Southern Ecuador that brings together mining-affected communities in Ecuador's southern highlands and southern Amazon. Since 2006, Luis has accompanied mining-affected communities, principally Shuar Indigenous communities in the area of the Condor mountain range in the southern Amazon. Luis is a longtime member of popular urban assemblies in Quito, Ecuador. He is an economist with specializations in environmental economics and ecology, currently working on a Master's degree in sociology. Miguel Mijangos works in the Costa Chica-Montaña region of Guerrero, Mexico and in the southern highlands of Oaxaca with Indigenous and campesino communities in processes of community and territorial planning. He belongs to the organization Comprehensive Processes for Peoples' Self-Governance, a collective that works closely with other organizations at the regional level and part of the Mexican Network of Mining Affected Peoples (REMA by its initials in Spanish), which undertakes strategies to address the extractive mining model.

Saturday 10:30-12:00

1. Ontario and British Columbia anti-pipeline activists solidarity. Jay Peachy (Facilitator), Lana Goldberg (Toronto Rising Tide and No Line-9), Brett Rhyno and Ja Wicz (Burnaby Mountain Caretakers) **Room 1500**

This workshop brings together anti-pipeline activists from the Toronto and Vancouver areas. Participants will share strategies and experiences within their regions and encourage audience participation in the interest of developing solidarity links between BC and Ontario. Lana Goldberg of Rising Tide Toronto has been organizing against Line 9 for 2.5 years and planned or helped plan 6 out of the 7 blockades at Enbridge work sites in 'Ontario', including Dam Line 9, the six-day occupation that occurred last summer. Jakub Wicz was part of the original crew of Caretakers who catalyzed the Burnaby Mountain stand-off and has been on the heels of Kinder Morgan surveyors ever since. Brett Rhyno is a former Toronto-based organizer who has joined the No Pipelines movement in BC with the principal goal of mobilizing support for front-line communities fighting fossil fuel infrastructure.

2. Research on Extraction: what for and for whom. Ana Elia Ramon Hidalgo, Sam Stime, Bjorn Stime **Room 1505 (continued - see description above)**
3. The State of Extraction in Africa. Patrick Ochieng (Ojamaa Centre, Kenya), Introduction: Frank Tester (School of Social Work, UBC). **Room 1525**

For the past 10 years Kenya has consistently promoted a policy in which the expansion of the extractive frontiers has taken centre stage. With the discovery of Coal, Oil and Gas, Titanium and precious metals territorial demands, livelihood concerns, environmental justice and cultural identity are under attack. Whether the atmosphere of risk and uncertainty facing communities involved (dispossession, loss of water and autonomy,

loss of assets etc) is worth the expected returns remains a matter of conjecture for now but it needs to be said that so far these investments are driving society to more social conflicts, anxieties and grievances.

4. Resisting Dispossession. Angelica Choc. **Room 2270**

Angelica Choc is an indigenous Mayan Q'eqchi' from the community of La Unión, in the Municipality of El Estor, Republic of Guatemala. Just over a year ago, her husband, Adolfo Ich Chamán, was killed by security forces employed at the Fenix mining project in Guatemala – a mining project owned by Canadian company HudBay Minerals. In the afternoon of September 27, 2009, she watched my husband leave our house for the last time. She later learned that mine security forces had surrounded my husband, dragged him through a gap in a fence and hacked at him with machetes.

Sunday 9-10:30AM

1. Documenting Resistance, False Scarcities, and Extreme Extraction. Elizabeth Knafo. **Room 1500**

The goal of this workshop is to open conversation and collaboration between activists and educators working around resource extraction resistance in their communities and a media and research collective working on a trans-national publication project, The Rare Earth Catalog. The Rare Earth Catalog will be a printed and online documentation and resource for people fighting at the nexus of neo-colonization and environmental racism. We are seeking to meet and discuss how this project can best serve the work of communities across North and South America as the forces of racist criminalization and neo-colonial land expropriation continue to expand their sites and claims.

2. Social Housing Alliance—For social housing & against pipelines: Unite struggles against displacement. Herb Varley and Natalie Knight, **Room 1505**

The goal of the panel is to extend a strategic conversation about the ways in which struggles against displacement – ranging from struggles against evictions, gentrification, privatization, resource extraction, pipelines, climate change to poverty – are interrelated. We want to challenge a single-issue approach to pipelines, and push ourselves and each other to deepen and broaden the way we engage in the struggle against resource extraction.

3. Imperial Metals: Mt Polley Mine Disaster Panel For Action. Douglas Gook. **Room 2270**

Besides being a recap and update of this global scale mine tailings disaster, this panel would focus on actions that are needed to truly honor this amazing watershed and bring

justice to those responsible for its desecration. Organizing for the Fraser River Watershed Wild Salmon Caravan, the Pollyanna Local Restoration Currency, on going Imperial Metals resistance, Prov/Fed Govt accountability and Mt Polley Clean Up Initiatives would be some of the action based objectives that would be highlighted in this panel.

Sunday 10:30-12

1. The Art of Extraction. Warren Cariou, Peter Kulchyski, and Michael Truscello. **Room 1500**

This workshop aims to help participants gain new insights into the potential benefits and pitfalls of using artistic visualizations to publicize environmental or cultural damage done by extractive industries. One of the greatest values of aesthetic form is the way that it can play with expectations, and thus break through the general apathy or anomie that many people feel when they are faced with the magnitude of environmental and cultural damage that is being done in our extractive industries.

2. No One Is Illegal. "Humanizing climate change: refugees and migrant justice. Daniel Tseghay, Cecily Nicholson, **Room 1505**

This workshop addresses conditions forcing people to migrate from or flee their home region due to sudden or long-term climate changes that compromise well-being and the ability to secure a livelihood. Undercut by pervasive issues of racism, nation-state and border determinism, climate change is exacerbating already existing economic and political divisions, conflicts, violence, poverty and precarity, disproportionately for racialized communities and peoples of the global south. A growing concern, we will address these conditions alongside and in relation to, Canada's increasingly restrictive refugee and immigration policies.

3. Legal Workshop. WCEL & BCCLA. **Room 2270**

Legal workshop on rights for those resisting extraction.

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