

**Master in Political Ecology**  
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## **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

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### **Objectives**

### **Structure**

### **Evaluation**

### **Program outline**

#### **1. Environmental Justice as an expanding framework: History, vocabulary, and theory**

Origins and evolution of the environmental justice framework. Environmental justice notions developed by activists. The current battlefronts of the struggles for global environmental justice.

Schlosberg, D. (2013). Theorising environmental justice: the expanding sphere of a discourse. *Environmental Politics*, 22(1), 37-55.

Martinez-Alier J., Anguelovski I., Bond P., Del Bene D., Demaria F., Gerber J.-F., Greyl L., Haas W., Healy H., Marín-Burgos V., Ojo G., Porto M., Rijnhout L., Rodríguez-Labajos B., Spangenberg J., Temper L., Warlenius R. and I.Yáñez. 2014. Between activism and science: grassroots concepts for sustainability coined by Environmental Justice Organizations. *Journal of Political Ecology*, 21: 19-60.

#### **2. Mining conflicts and environmental justice**

Sources of perceived environmental injustice in mining conflicts. Mining conflicts in the emergence of a global environmental justice movements. The political dimension of anti-mining resistances.

Özkaynak, B., Rodríguez-Labajos, B., Aydın, C.İ., Yanez, I., Garibay, C., 2015. Towards environmental justice success in mining conflicts: An empirical investigation, EJOLT Report No. 14, 96 p.

Rodríguez-Labajos, B., Özkaynak, B. (2017). Environmental justice through the lens of mining conflicts. *Geoforum*, (84), 245-250.

### **3. Water justice and water-related conflicts worldwide (with guest lecturers: Daniela Del Bene, Irmak Ertör)**

Classifying water conflicts. Water justice movements and institutional innovation  
Conflicts over dams from an environmental justice perspective. Conflicts over artisanal fishing. Ocean grabbing, fishing justice and blue degrowth.

Rodríguez-Labajos, B., Martínez-Alier, J. (2015). Political ecology of water conflicts. *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Water*, 2(5), 537-558.

Del Bene, D. Scheidel, A., Temper, L. 2018. More dams, more violence? A global analysis on resistances and repression around conflictive dams through co-produced knowledge. *Sustainability Science*, 13 (3): 617–633.

Ertör, I., Ortega-Cerdà, M. 2015. Political lessons from early warnings: Marine finfish aquaculture conflicts in Europe, *Marine Policy*, 51: 202-210.

### **4. Cultural and artistic manifestations in environmental justice struggles**

The ubiquitous nature of cultural artefacts in environmental justice struggles. Types of cultural and artistic manifestations in water justice conflicts. Mediatized environmental conflict. Uses of artistic manifestations in transformations towards environmental justice.

Cultural Politics website - [https://culturalpolitics.net/environmental\\_justice/art](https://culturalpolitics.net/environmental_justice/art)

Hutchins, B., Lester, L. 2015. Theorizing the enactment of mediatized environmental conflict. *International Communication Gazette* 77, 337 – 358.

Tavera Fenollosa, L., Johnston, H., 2015. Protest artifacts in the Mexican social movement sector: Reflections on the “stepchild” of cultural analysis, in: Almeida, P., Cordero Ulate, A. (Eds.), *Handbook of social movements across Latin America*. Springer Netherlands, Dordrecht, pp. 61–76.

### **5. The way forward: degrowth through the lens of environmental justice**

Reasons for an alliance between environmental justice and degrowth. Critical differences between the environmental justice movements in the global South and the degrowth movements.

Martinez-Alier J. (2012), *Environmental Justice and Economic Degrowth: An Alliance between Two Movements*. *Capitalism, Nature, Society*, 23(1): 51-73.

Rodríguez-Labajos, B., Yanez, I., Bond, P., Greyl, L., Munguti, S., Ojo, G., Overbeek, W. (2018) Not so natural an alliance? Degrowth and environmental justice movements in the South. *Ecological Economics*. Submitted.