Disciplina especial de professor visitante

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Programa:

The effects of extraction, management, and use of natural resources in Latin America and the global south is one of the most pressing issues to conceptualize in a number of areas of anthropological inquiry. While longstanding approaches have emphasized the impacts, the problematic relationship between corporations and communities, the extractive activity on site, an approach based on the relationship between humans and resources has been peripheral and secondary. This course brings such relationship to the fore, by arguing that it is the material, temporal, and affective relationship with economized matter that most of the problematic relationship lies. Such an intersection is fruitful for two reasons. First, it is by paying attention to such aspects that new comparative avenues open beyond the traditional ones based in regional contexts and relative degrees of integration in the global economy of the extractive industries. Second, because the current situation of growing global inequality and environmental destruction has led to two conflicting views on the focus of social sciences that sometimes takes the form of a clash between humanism and post-humanism. The proposed approach in this course points to a different and, more fruitful dialogue between humans and non-humans in contemporary anthropological theory. In the same regard, it sets such dialogue across scales and ways of being.

It discusses the research result of a number of scholars working on climate change, climate transitions, resource curse theory, territorial planning, as well as my own research on wind farming, coal and gold mining in Colombia.

The course is designed to engage with theoretical material, ethnographic reports of analysis around the world, and my own empirical material. In this sense, it involves the analysis of published material and my field material which I will put under consideration in the form of transcripts, documents, visual documents and manuscripts in the process of being processed. The course covers the following subjects:

1. Critical Matters: An Introduction
   a. Ethnographic Material:
      i. Jaramillo, Pablo. Gas, Rubble, Mud and the Economies of leftovers in the Margins of capitalism. Manuscript
   b. Mandatory readings:

c. Recommended


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2. The temporality of resource abundance and scarcity. Crisis, Booms and social regimes

a. Ethnographic Material:

i. Jaramillo, Pablo. On Time in retreat and the resource curse. Manuscript

b. Mandatory Readings:


3. Material politics: infrastructures, technology and expertise

   a. Ethnographic Materials:


   b. Mandatory readings


4. The effects and affects of resources:

a. Ethnographic piece:
   i. Jaramillo, Pablo. The intimate economies of subsoil in Colombia. Manuscript

b. Mandatory readings:


5. Speculation, Potentiality and Temporal Enclosures:
   a. Ethnographic piece:
      ii. Mandatory readings: