

Central questions of the symposium are:

- How can we conceptualise the link between global crises and conflicts over resources?
- What is the role of state agents in conflicts over resources?
- How do social relations unfold and become transformed in conflicts over resources?
- What and where are the potentials for social change from below in conflicts over resources?



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The international symposium “Global Crises and Conflicts over Resources” deals with conflicts over resources that are related to contemporary political-economic and socio-ecological crises.

It focuses on four themes:

- Linking conflicts and global crises: theories and concepts
- The role of the state in conflicts over resources
- Resources, conflicts and social relations
- Transformation from below

Our aim is to bring together scholars from different fields of research and world regions to enhance our knowledge of the linkages between conflicts over resources and global crises.

Thursday, 8 February 2018

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| 13.00 | Registration | |
| 14.00 | Welcome | |
| 14.15 | Keynote lecture | |
| | <i>Shalini Randeria</i> : How much land does a man need? Legal activism against new enclosures in India | 11.15 |
| 15.00 | Plenary discussion | 11.45 |
| 15.30 | Coffee & tea | |
| 16.00 | Linking conflicts and global crises: theories and concepts | |
| | <i>Haroon Akram-Lodhi</i> : Conflicts over resources: a Critical Agrarian Studies perspective | |
| | <i>Manuela Boatcă</i> : Resourceful crises: the colonial entail of whiteness and citizenship | |
| | <i>Bettina Engels</i> : Field of conflict: a relational approach | 13.30 |
| | <i>Andrew Herod</i> : Imagining global-local relations: implications of how we think about geographic scale | 14.30 |
| | <i>Eric Vanhaute & Ulbe Bosma</i> : Capitalism and commodity frontiers | |
| 18.00 | End of day 1 | |

Friday, 9 February 2018

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| 09.00 | Welcome back | |
| 09.30 | The role of the state in conflicts over resources | |
| | <i>Ulrich Brand</i> : The role of the state in conflicts over resources: a historical-materialist perspective | 16.15 |
| | <i>Gordon Crawford</i> : The state and small-scale gold mining in Ghana | 16.30 |
| | <i>Mario Schenk</i> : State, investors and the creation of property | |
| | <i>Verónica Schild</i> : Studying the state as practices of governing and power | |
| | Coffee & tea | |
| | Resources, conflicts and social relations | |
| | <i>Sara Berry</i> : Who owns the land? Kinship, authority and claims to African resources | |
| | <i>Jan Brunner</i> : The restructuring of the rural working class | |
| | <i>Kristina Großmann</i> : Gender and environmental conflicts | |
| | <i>Ian Scoones</i> : The rise of authoritarian populism: rethinking struggles over resources | |
| | Lunch | |
| | Transformation from below | |
| | <i>Rita Calvário & Giorgos Velegarakis</i> : Challenging politics of austerity by mobilizing alternative socioecologies | |
| | <i>Kristina Dietz</i> : Studying transformation: concepts and theory | |
| | <i>Marc Edelman</i> : Eight dimensions of land grabbing that every researcher should take into account | |
| | <i>Oliver Pye</i> : Labour and strategies of social-ecological transformation | |
| | Coffee & tea | |
| | Concluding remarks | |
| | <i>Michael Watts</i> | |
| | End of symposium | |