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Dispossession, Social Segregation of Space and Territories in Resistance in Latin America

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In the past decades, the Latin American region and global south have been exposed to an unprecedented wave of investments in mining, electrical and monoculture industrial megaprojects. These megaprojects are operated by the economic interests of corporations, mainly transnational ones, that incorporate new territories, communities and natural sites to the dynamics of the market. They also incorporate into the market the growing metabolic requirements of raw materials and energy from the countries in the center and semi center of the global north and the semi-periphery of the world system.

The social, political, economic, and environmental impacts caused by oil extractivism, large scale mining, agroindustry, plantations/monoculture, and major energetic projects are intense and extensive. These impacts are characterized by their territorial dimension and the material as well as non-material dispossession they cause in communities of farmers, indigenous people, and African descendants at a rural level, but also at a peri-urban and urban level.

Contemporary dispossessions supported by States, which pretend to have dividend benefits and are in alliance with transnational interests, are carried out on previous structures of distributions that are classist, racists, interethnic and unequal in terms of gender and geography. These dispossessions reveal a logic of accumulation based on looting and are expressed materially in the fencing off of common land, deterritorialization, transformations in the landscape and ecosystems, paired with irreparable social and environmental damage. In this way, they make up territories or zones of sacrifice (for humans

and non-humans) that are justified by the growth of the economy, development, progress, and even the *Buen Vivir* (Good Living).

Dispossessions expulse communities from their territories of origin or occupation, vulnerates rights, affects their livelihoods, sovereignty, solidarity and health conditions (physical, environmental and psychosocial). These dispossessions, which reinforce determined social vulnerabilities, place communities at a higher risk level in the event of natural or climate related disasters, meaning they exacerbate the social segregation of space in the global south. To secure the expanding capital interests, territories become more patriarchal, producing dominance over territories and bodies. Faced with this situation, collectives, local communities and groups of women have organized themselves and created different mechanisms of social mobilization, languages and forms of resistance at a local and regional level. They appeal to the defense of their territories, construct alternative models of development and from their place contest dynamics of the global capital.

The multidimensional (social, economic, political, cultural) and multiscale (micro, meso, macro) impacts and forms of contestation and resistance make way for multi and interdisciplinary analysis. Therefore, the objective of this dossier is to analyze the multiple processes of dispossession associated with megaprojects, outlining the analysis of its delimitations, consequences and contestations through diverse theoretical perspectives and methodologies from disciplines such as political economy, ecological economy, ecological politics, and critical geography.

In this line of work, we intend to address the following questions: What social metabolism dynamics of the north underpin the megaprojects in the Latin American region? How are the historic processes of social segregation of space reshaped by megaprojects in the capitalism of the 21st Century? What forms of dispossession (material and in-material) arise with the expansion of capital through megaprojects? What type of responses emerge from local communities in contestation and/or resistance?

This dossier is interested in articles arise from research in oil extractivism, large scale mining, agroindustry (bananas, African palm trees, corn, soy), and major energetic projects related to the following themes:

- Historical processes of the society-nature metabolism in the implantation of megaprojects.
- Configuration of the socio- spatial periphery and dispossessions (territory, nature, bodies).
- Resistance and social mobilization in the midst of social segregation of space provoked by megaprojects.

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