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Extractivism, Rural Livelihoods and Accumulation in A “Climate-Smart” World: The Rise of Green Extractivism

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1. In the context of climate change, Green extractivism emerges as a new process that feeds accumulation through asymmetric and exploitative exchange relations, resource appropriation and varying degrees of labor exploitation. This thesis

2. Climate-smart policies incite synergistic resource grabbing and multiple waves of expropriation with differentiated patterns and outcomes of dispossession. This thesis

3. Under a climate-smart world, capitalism constituted a new frontier of accumulation within the global environmental crisis through co-optation of climate change mitigation and adaptation policies. This thesis

4. The state is a key element in the process of converting climate-smart and green policies into accumulation strategies and to assist related extractivist agendas. This thesis

5. Nature is an intrinsic element to social reproduction and key determinant to rural livelihoods, thus, in the context of the intersection of extractivism and green policies, additional irreversible losses and injustices are incurred by all the working people. This thesis

6. With the intensification of the global environmental crisis, capitalism has extended the reach of financialization through the creation of new financial assets based on further commodification of nature.

7. Green extractivism will induce new patterns of resistance of rural population and emancipatory alternatives, locally and globally, from struggles for land, to a healthier relation with the environment.

8. The way climate change mitigation and adaptation policies are designed and implemented are a manifestation of climate injustice.

9. Land is at the centre of the solutions designed to tackle the current environmental crisis, consequently land has become the common thread for capital accumulation at the expense of peasants and rural population.

10. BRICS’ sub-imperialism not only constitutes a lubricant for neoliberalism, it indeed constitutes a conductor of extractivism behind Global north’s hegemony.

11. One of the best data collection methods is having after-work drinks at the bar with the interviewees, except during a pandemic; or else you return from the field with plenty of data and COVID-19 in your bag.