

EXALT

CONCURRENT CRISIS AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURES: GLOBAL EXTRACTIVISMS AND ALTERNATIVES

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The Global Extractivisms and Alternatives Initiative (EXALT) is a new international network of scholars, activists, and policymakers dedicated to collaboration and knowledge creation around the pressing crises stemming from extractivist policies and practices. At the EXALT Initiative 2020 conference we seek to draw together diverse critical analyses of the phenomena of global extractivisms and the myriad alternatives being actively pursued in both theory and practice. It is the intention of this conference to contribute to, expand, and deepen the concept of extractivism and the role of alternatives beyond the conventional usage connected to natural resources.

THEMATIC TRACKS

Track 1: Global Extractivisms

This track examines the politics, political economy, political ecology, and world-ecologies of extractivisms, especially their wider dynamics. Topics could include, agroextractivisms, mining, forestry, hydrocarbons, and other areas affected by the extractivist paradigm.

Track 2: Indigenous Sovereignty, Modernity Projects, and Alternatives

This track examines Indigenous peoples' struggles and sovereignty, the interplay of coloniality and modernity, intersectionality, language and linguistics, and post-extractivist social movements from any region of the world.

Track 3: Urbanity and Extractivisms

This track examines the tensions and contradictions in urbanism that are central to a post extractivist agenda, including (re)theorizing urban development as part of development, underdevelopment, and alternative development, and analyses that deconstruct modernist fossil and nuclear-based urbanism from a theoretical, empirical, and methodological viewpoint.

Track 4: Financialization and Intellectual Extractivisms

This track examines financial, intellectual, and data related extractivist practices. Papers that analyze global centers and systems of financial accumulation, financialization and extractivist structures of world production, emerging alternative monies, and decentralized production are encouraged.

Track 5: Transitions to Alternatives

This track examines the organizational practices that shape the transformations needed to build alternative futures in a post-extractive world. Contributions could explore the organizing processes, leadership skills, and strategic dimensions of transformation.

Track 6: Open Theme

If you have a topic on extractivisms and alternatives that you feel does not fit any of the named thematic tracks above, we welcome your submission under this open theme track.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Please visit our webpage to submit an abstract for an oral presentation or a poster presentation. There is more information on our webpage about the submission requirements and further information about the thematic tracks.

The conference also offers space for a variety of methods of making and talking about science. Therefore we welcome submissions of alternative ways of examining and discussing the conference themes, for example presentations that include participatory elements, creative, and/or artistic presentations.

April 6, 2020 - Abstract Submission Deadline.

For more information please visit our website at <https://www.helsinki.fi/en/conferences/exalt-2020> or e-mail us at EXALT@helsinki.fi

