

We are pleased to invite you to our next event - Mining in Rapid Fall - on Wednesday 11 May 2016 from 9:30-17:00, University of Sussex, building: ARTS C, room: C233

ACTIVISM AND ACADEMIA FORUM – CENTRE FOR WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX

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ON MINING IN SOUTH ASIA
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SOLIDARITY GROUP-PSG), ROGER MOODY (NOSTROMO RESEARCH),
MIRIAM ROSE (FOIL VEDANTA), VINITA DAMODARAN (CWEH SUSSEX),
ZUKY SERPER (CWEH ARTIST IN RESIDENCE)



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Mining in Rapid Fall

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<https://www.sussex.ac.uk/webteam/gateway/file.php?name=mining-in-rapid-fall.pdf&site=253>

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Activists and Academia Network of the Centre for World Environmental History (CWEH) had a busy 2015 autumn, Columniating with a meeting in Paris to coincide with COP21- Keep Oil in the Ground – about the Yasuni ITT Park Initiative in

Amazonian Ecuador, 6 December 2015. A newsletter of Activists and Academia Network activity is attached below.

Mining in Rapid Fall

Programme:

9:30-10:00 - reception, coffee

10:00-10:30

-- Intro: Vinita, Felix, Zuky (10 min. each)

10:30 – 12:40

-- A global perspective on the mining industry and indigenous communities struggle - Roger Moody (1 hr inc. Q+A)

-- Foil Vedanata Zambia and Niyamgiri update – Miriam Rose (1 hr inc. Q+A)

-- Clip: Baiga tribal miners contract labourers for British based Vedanta Resources PLC at Bo Dai Dal Dali Bauxite mine in Chhattisgarh, central India (04:26; Moody and Chambers, 2016)

12:40-13:20 - lunch break / sandwiches/picnic

13:20 – 16:20

-- Save Saranda Jharkhand update – Gladson Dungdung (1 hr inc. Q+A)

-- Adivasi: Cooption through Education - Felix Padel, Malvika Gupta (1 hr inc. Q+A)

-- Phulbari resistance against mining and coal power in Bangladesh: A bottom up approach to protect environment and indigenous rights from corporate excess – Rumana Hashem (1 hr inc. Q+A)

16:20 – 17:00 – coffee break

16:30 – 17:00

– plenary



Last events organised by Activists and Academia Network – CWEH

Oil-Spoils-Soil - 3 November we heard Maddy Ryle (Democracy Centre, Bolivia and UK) and Stephanie Guthridge (independent scholar-activist, Ecuador and UK) talk about environmental justice and fossil fuel extraction in Bolivarian Latin America. A podcast link:

<https://www.mixcloud.com/RadioFreeBrighton/oil-spoils-soil-environmental-justice-and-fossil-fuel-extraction-on-bolivarian-latin-america-1/>

Contested Realities- Adivasis in the Anthropocene, 20 November, focused on Central and Northeastern India, with examples of Resource Curse from Jharkhand, Nagaland, sites of iron ore mining causing Adivasi to be trapped in the crossfire between Maoists and state repression, large scale land alienation and collapse of social structure. A booklaunch of Mission Saranda by Gladson Dungdung followed in Sussex and Brunei Gallery in SOAS, London. Speakers included: Gladson Dungdung (Jharkhand Activist), Brian Morris (Goldsmiths), Felix Padel (JNU), Robert Wallis (photographer) and Geoffery Whitefield (Chaplain Sussex).

Keep Oil in the Ground – The Yasuni ITT Park Initiative in Amazonian Ecuador, 6 December 2015, Paris. Prof. Carlos Larrea was behind the Ecuadorian government not to extract oil in the Yasuni Park in Amazonian Ecuador between 2007-2013, and presented the the Yasuni ITT Initiative at the Activists and Academia Forum – CWEH on a number of occasions in the past 2 years. Gloria Ushino, Yasuni indigenous activist - joined our speakers together with Rights of Nature advocate Natalie Greene, and young Yasunidos activists building an international movement working to reinstate the Yasuni in Ecuador. The network supported another meeting in Paris: We Can Stop Destructive Mining – Victories in Niyamgiri, India and Zambia, called by Foil Vedanta.

An updates about case studies reported and followed by the network. You could follow them via the links:

Saranda Forest:

About *Mission Saranda* book by Gladson Dungdung:

http://www.iwgia.org/publications/search-pubs?publication_id=723

Phulbari Solidarity Group (PSG):

<https://phulbarisolidaritygroup.wordpress.com>

Niyamgiri and Zambia:

Zambia Copperbelt - <http://www.foilvedanta.org/articles/how-kcm-is-killing-the-zambian-copperbelt-part-1-water-pollution/>

Niyamgiri - <http://www.orissapost.com/tribals-protest-police-atrocities/>

Yasuni, Ecuador:

- <http://sitio.yasunidos.org/en/press/blog/28-prensa/blog-english/232-statement-on-the-initiation-of-oil-exploitation-in-the-yasuni-itt.html>

Recent Guardian article by John Vidal -

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/apr/04/ecuador-drills-for-oil-on-edge-of-pristine-rainforest-in-yasuni>

Intag, Ecuador:

<http://www.decoin.org>

Academia and Activism network - Centre for World Environmental History:

http://www.sussex.ac.uk/cweh/research/academia_and_activism

