Activism and Academia Forum and the Centre of World Environmental History, Sussex University 28 March 2014 between 12:00-14:00 Building: ARTS A Room:A04

Copper Colonialism in Zambia



Speakers: Authors of the report – Samarendra Das and Miriam Rose from Foil Vedanta

Official UK launch of Foil Vedanta's groundbreaking report*, which is currently shaking Zambia.

Following their visit to Zambia in December, the speakers report on tax evasion, environmental devastation, worker's rights abuses, and the interests behind copper mining companies - from financiers to the UK government (DfID), as well as the suppressive role of NGOs as 'parasites of the poor'. The report published after their trip remains a top news item in Zambia today, and is changing the narrative of resource exploitation in Afrika created by corporate colonialism. Vedanta's executives are battling to cover up the evidence presented.

Vedanta is a British FTSE 250 company known as the 'world's most hated mining company' for their pattern of abuses and illegalities. It is 68% owned by billionaire Anil Agarwal.

Foil Vedanta is a London based international solidarity group, linking and supporting grassroots struggles against Vedanta, and carrying out cutting edge research on the company, and the UK's role in global mining.

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^{*} http://www.foilvedanta.org/articles/copper-colonialism-foil-vedanta-zambia-report-launched/