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Environmental justice and fossil fuel extraction in Bolivarian Latin America

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The speakers:

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In the run up to the Climate Conference in Paris in December 2015, this forum will question a dominant model of extractivist economic development imposed on people in Ecuador, Bolivia and elsewhere, which is often presented as their only way into global markets. Focused on fossil fuel, the speakers will analyse the divergence between local communities and environmentalists and the States, which once seemed to be 'on their side', and the role of transnational extractive industries operations there. This will hopefully open up a discussion about alternative meanings to the Right to Development, the rights for Mother Earth, the role of cross-border and international solidarity and imagining ways to deal with climate change in a meaningful way.