

Mapping Environmental Justice

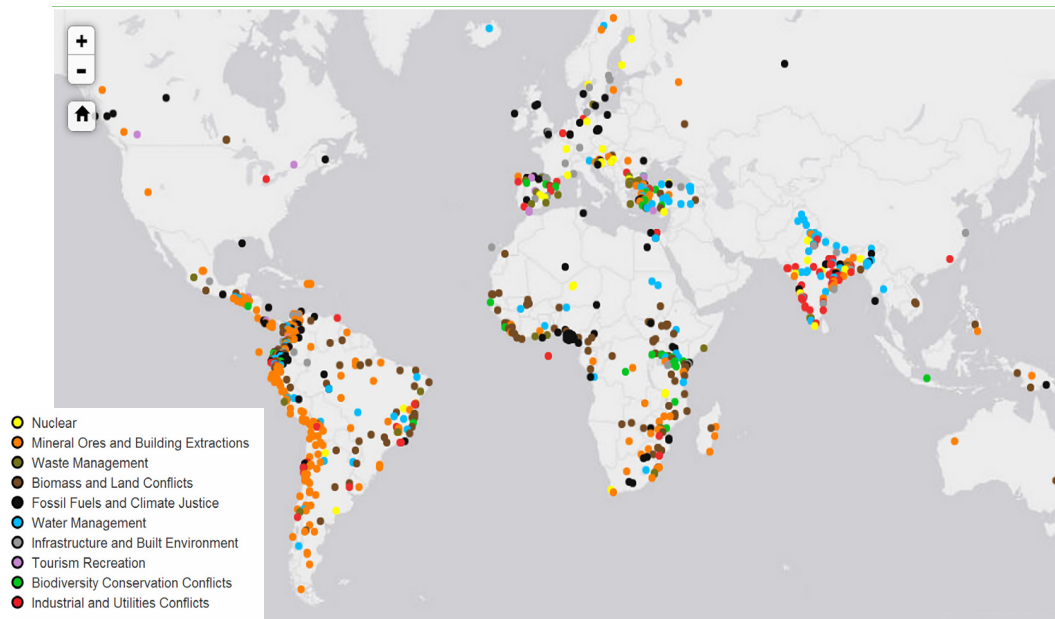
19 March 2014, from 9-13h

Join us for this event on Environmental Justice in Brussels. We will launch the new Atlas of Environmental Justice based on a database of almost 1000 cases (and growing) of ecological conflicts.

WHERE: At the UNEP Liaison Office to the EU Institutions
14 rue Montoyer, 1000 Brussels

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Program



9.00 – 9.30	Registration – coffee/tea
9.30 – 9.45	Welcome Jeremy Wates, Secretary General EEB
9.45 – 10.15	Environmental justice and conflicts Godwin Ojo, Environmental Rights Action, Friends of the Earth Nigeria
10.15 – 10.40	Case: Landgrabbing Anne Van Schaijk, Friends of the Earth Europe
10.40 – 11.00	Case: Ship breaking Ingild Janssen, NGO shipbreaking platform
11.00 – 11.30	Launch of the Atlas for Environmental Justice Leah Temper, Universitat Autònoma of Barcelona
11.30 – 11.50	Challenges at the international level Barbara Ruis, Legal Advisor, United Nations Environment Programme
11.50 – 13.00	Panel debate: Future challenges and policy recommendations Moderated by Leida Rijnhout, Director Global Policies and Sustainability EEB

About the event

As global consumption of resources increases exponentially, the search for energy and materials cause the “commodity frontiers” to expand. Along the entire global chain of production - from extraction, to processing, to disposal - the fast increasing impacts are most often distributed highly unequally among populations. Those most heavily impacted are usually the already most marginalized sectors of the world population, who usually depend much more on local natural resources for their livelihood. A new Atlas of Environmental Justice – based on a database of almost 1000 cases (and growing) of ecological conflicts – illustrates the fast spreading turmoil.

The objective of the event is to bring attention to the increasing number of environmental conflicts in the world. More scarcity of resources, more aggressive ways of exploitation and practices like land grabbing are affecting local communities worldwide. On average, one activist is killed every week fighting for environmental justice and defending human rights. At the same time, overconsumption in Europe is fuelling this aggressive expansion of the commodity frontiers. If Europe takes this seriously, then an urgent shift towards more sustainable lifestyles needs to be promoted – for example in the Post 2015 SD Agenda. Europe has a key role to play in implementing new policies to encourage sustainable production and consumption models and to ensure our ecological debt is decreasing and not increasing, as is the actual trend. Circular economy concepts and shifting from ‘Efficiency’ towards ‘Sufficiency’ are some promising approaches.

During this event, we will launch the new Atlas of Environmental Justice as part of the EEB’s engagement in the EJOLT project. This map will serve as a database. It aims to cover ecological distribution conflicts around the world and it will serve as communication tool among Environmental Justice Organisations and scientists working on related issues. It will also help to better understand what the determinants of these conflicts are, who the main actors are and bring attention to the struggles for justice.

About EJOLT

The Environmental Justice Organisations, Liabilities and Trade is an FP7 project supported by the European Commission that runs from 2011 till 2015.

The project supports the work of Environmental Justice Organisations (EJOs), uniting scientists, activist organisations, think-tanks, policy-makers from the fields of environmental law, environmental health, political ecology, ecological economics, to talk about issues related to Ecological Distribution. Central concepts are Ecological Debts (or Environmental Liabilities) and Ecologically Unequal Exchange.

EJOLT team works in a consortium of 23 organisations based across the world and coordinated by the Universitat Autònoma of Barcelona.

Information about the project is available at:
www.ejolt.org and @EnvJustice

Suggested hashtag for Twitter users during & after the event:
#environmentaljustice