Territorial Struggles and the Challenges of Sustainability in Latin America

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Abstract:

This presentation makes the argument that the main challenges to sustainability are not scientific or economic, but cultural and even 'ontological.' This is explained by delving into a new field of study, that of 'political ontology,' an extension of the more well known notion of political ecology. The argument is illustrated with the case of ethnic struggles to defend territories and culture against extractive operations in Latin America at present.