

**Hauptseminar MA:  
Entwicklungsforschung (HS KG):**

**Rural development, resource extraction,  
and conservation conflicts in the global  
South**

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**ECTS:** 6

**Number of participants:** 15

**Preliminary meeting:** The date will be announced in October

**Seminar date:** From November the 13th onwards

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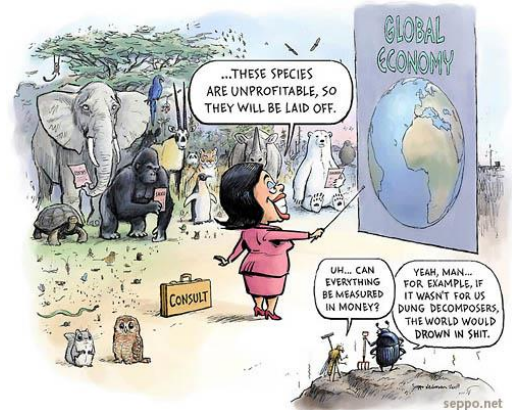
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According to the World Bank, rural development is a strategy designed to improve the economic and social life of the rural poor, which includes Indigenous and local small-scale farmers, tenants and the landless. Resource extraction refers to activities such as commercial agriculture, mining, or logging that involve withdrawing materials from the natural environment. They can provide socioeconomic development, but also alter the natural environment on which the rural poor depend on, and induce land tenure and sociocultural changes. Furthermore, different strategies, such as the creation of different types of protected areas, community based conservation, or more recently payments for ecosystem services, have been developed to protect biological diversity from the expansion of human settlements and the mentioned extractive activities. However, all these situations and strategies are often the perfect breeding grounds for human-environmental conflicts.

In this seminar we will learn about the concept of development, extractivism, biodiversity conservation, and the resulting spatial conflicts in the global South. We will analyze their components and evolution both from an academic perspective as well as from practical experience in co-operation with experts from other institutions.

**Performance tasks:** Presentation, seminar paper, and exercises