

Are you interested in a research internship with us?

Across the world communities are struggling to defend their land, air, water, forests and their livelihoods from damaging projects and extractive activities with heavy environmental and social impacts: mining, dams, tree plantations, fracking, gas flaring, incinerators, etc.

As resources needed to fuel our economy move through the commodity chain from extraction, processing and disposal, at each stage environmental impacts are externalized onto the most marginalized populations. It is becoming more and more important to document and understand the environmental conflicts (otherwise known as ecological distribution conflicts) that often arise globally.

The EJAtlas (Global Atlas of Environmental Justice) is a collaborative research and dissemination project between activist groups and scientists. It documents and catalogues these conflicts on an online interactive platform. Check this tutorial for more details.

The Atlas is directed at the Institute of Environmental Science and Technology (ICTA) at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. It is supported by the ENVJUST project (ERC Advanced Grant 2016-2021), and the ACKnowl-EJ (Academic-Activist Co-Production of Knowledge for Environmental Justice, 2015-2018) funded by the Transformations to Sustainability Programme. Our research group at ICTA right now counts on 10 doctoral students and postdoc researchers (http://www.envjustice.org).

Learn more about Ejatlas here: http://ejatlas.org/about

Temper, L., Del Bene, D., & Martinez-Alier, J. (2015). Mapping the frontiers and front lines of global environmental justice: the EJAtlas. *Journal of Political Ecology*, *22*(1), 255-278.

WHAT WE OFFER -

We are happy to accept a limited number of internships from students and researchers to increase the coverage of the EJAtlas.

Every participant will be assigned an internal mentor and research coordinator, according to the topic and geographical area of research, who will assist and guide the research. The specific time frame of the research internship is decided between the participant and the research mentor dependent upon their mutual schedules (preferably between October and June).

Interns can use facilities at ICTA (desk and computers) in a shared room for visiting students, participate in reading groups and research in progress seminars on Environmental Justice issues, attend the ICTA seminars (check the calendar here for upcoming ones as examples: http://ictaweb.uab.cat/).

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO COVID19 PANDEMIC, INTERNSHIPS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ONLINE WORK UNTIL NEW NOTICE.

REQUIREMENTS -

Specifically (but not exclusively), we are looking for collaborators willing to work on topics and regions of the world which are still underrepresented. Please find below the full list and the contact person in charge. Please get in touch with the contact person and send them the required information.

➢ **Thematic focus**

- Conflicts over hydropower plants and related infrastructures globally (Daniela Del Bene <d.delbene@gmail.com>)
- Conflicts over waste management, with a preference for those involving waste-pickers (Federico Demaria <federicodemaria@gmail.com>)
- Conflicts related to conservation policies and natural market -based solutions (Eleonora Fanari <e.fanari86@gmail.com>)
- Human health-related conflicts (i.e pesticides exposures, heavy metals, air pollution etc.) <grettelnavas98@gmail.com>)
- Conflicts over coal related projects (e.g. coal mining, coal fired power plants) under China's economic influence (e.g. the Belt and Road Initiative) (Bowen Gu, <bowen.gu@uab.cat>)
- Conflicts over coal related projects globally (other than under China's economic influence as mentioned in the last point) (Brototi Roy, <brototi.roy@uab.cat>)

Other potential topics that will be taken into consideration are:

- Conflictive renewable energy projects
- Conflicts over oil palm plantations
- Conflicts over airports/aerotropolis
- Conflicts involving violence and death of community defenders
- Conflicts over coal
- Conflicts over oil spills and compensations
- Agrarian and biomass conflicts
- Conflicts on sand mining
- Conflicts around Geoengineering projects
- Ocean Grabbing (fisheries, deep-sea mining, aquaculture, etc)
- Nuclear conflicts (uranium mining, nuclear plants, radioactive waste disposal, etc)
- Urban socio-environmental conflicts (greening of cities, infrastructures, etc)

→ For these topics, please write to the project email account: ejoltmap@gmail.com

➢ **Geographical focus** (prior knowledge of language or context is advantageous)

- Brazil (Grettel Navas <grettelnavas98@gmail.com>)
- China and East Asia (Juan Liu <Juan.Liu@uab.cat>)
- Mexico (Yannick Deniau <yannick.deniau@gmail.com>)

Other potential regions that will be taken into consideration are:

- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Russia, including the Arctic and Siberian region
- Central Asian countries
- North America (USA and Canada)
- Southeast Asia (especially Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Myanmar)
- Afghanistan
- Iran
- Pakistan

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If you are interested, please contact with the person in charge and send over the following:

1. A tentative list of three cases of conflicts you would like to begin to research on and include into the database
2. A writing sample for one of the three cases you chose (around 1,000 words). Please check this entry as an example (what is the issue, historical/political context, who are the actors, how the opposition and resistance developed, why resistance is there, what is the situation now). http://ejatlas.org/conflict/kandadji-dam-on-the-niger-river
3. A motivation letter, highlighting your interest in the topic and your past experience in research, engagement in activist groups
4. Your CV

We will get back to you as soon as we examine your application. Please note that we will be able to only reply to complete applications. We thank you for your understanding.
May you have any further query, please contact us at ejoltmap@gmail.com