## Central questions of the symposium are:

- How can we conceptualise the link between global crises and conflicts over resources?
- What is the role of state agents in conflicts over resources?
- How do social relations unfold and become transformed in conflicts over resources?
- What and where are the potentials for social change from below in conflicts over resources?



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# **Global Crises and Conflicts over Resources**

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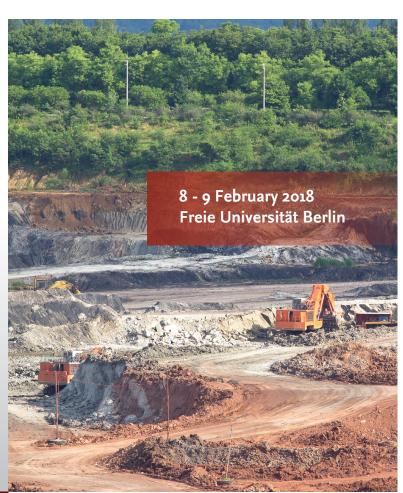


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The international symposium "Global Crises and Conflicts over Resources" deals with conflicts over resources that are related to contemporary political-economic and socio-ecological crises.

It focuses on four themes:

- Linking conflicts and global crises: theories and concepts
- The role of the state in conflicts over resoures
- · Resources, conflicts and social relations
- Transformation from below

Our aim is to bring together scholars from different fields of research and world regions to enhance our knowledge of the linkages between conflicts over resources and global crises.

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13.00	Registration			
14.00	Welcome			
14.15	Keynote lecture			
	Shalini Randeria: How much land does a man			
	need? Legal activism against new enclosures			
	in India			
15.00	Plenary discussion			
15.30	Coffee & tea			

# 16.00 Linking conflicts and global crises: theories and concepts

Haroon Akram-Lodhi: Conflicts over resources: a Critical Agrarian Studies perspective

Manuela Boatcă: Resourceful crises: the colonial entail of whiteness and citizenship Bettina Engels: Field of conflict: a relational approach

Andrew Herod: Imagining global-local relations: implications of how we think about geographic scale

Eric Vanhaute & Ulbe Bosma: Capitalism and commodity frontiers

18.00 End of day 1

# Friday, 9 February 2018

09.00 Welcome back

o9.30 The role of the state in conflicts over resources

Ulrich Brand: The role of the state in conflicts over resources: a historical-materialist perspective Gordon Crawford: The state and small-scale gold mining in Ghana

Mario Schenk: State, investors and the creation of property
Verónica Schild: Studying the state as practices of governing and power

11.15 Coffee & tea

# Resources, conflicts and social relations Sara Berry: Who owns the land? Kinship, authority and claims to African resources Jan Brunner: The restructuring of the rural working class Kristina Großmann: Gender and environmental conflicts Ian Scoones: The rise of authoritarian populism: rethinking struggles over resources

13.30 Lunch

# 14.30 Transformation from below

Rita Calvário & Giorgos Velegrakis:
Challenging politics of austerity by mobilizing alternative socioecologies
Kristina Dietz: Studying transformation: concepts and theory
Marc Edelman: Eight dimensions of land grabbing that every researcher should take into account
Oliver Pye: Labour and strategies of social-ecological transformation

16.15 Coffee & tea

# 16.30 Concluding remarks

Michael Watts

17.30 End of symposium