

Human Rights against Extraction: Implications for African and Transnational Social Movements

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During last decades, political and economic consequences and social impacts of extraction has been object of analysis and criticism, by organizations, citizens or scholars. This paper aims at analyzing the use of *human rights* language in the articulations of demands on transnational companies, governments and instances of regulations of the world economy, posed by local and transnational groups in Africa and elsewhere. It will sustain that the idea of *human rights* can be claimed along with other discourses and objectives by various social groups. But it may also generate tensions with other languages, also employed in the social struggles against extractive activities, such as the sovereignty over natural resources or even the transparency of economic transactions.