Report of the Lund University Extractivism Research Network (ERN)

Consolidating research on extractivism & development through internationalisation

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1. Introduction

This report presents a summary of the activities associated with funding to support development research at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Lund University. With Maria Andrea Nardi as coordinator, the Lund University Extractivism Research Network (ERN) received 200 000kr for internationalisation activities of the group. In the proposal to the faculty seeking funding, the Extractivism Research Group applied for two workshops with a total of four guest researchers. The ERN recognises that extractivism is intimately connected to international development research. The group chose to use the funds in mainly for events and activities which allowed for engagement with international scholars from the field. Each of these events was also connected to smaller and more intimate discussions between the guests and the ERN. The purpose of the activities was to explore different topics related to extractivism with experts in the field. This also allowed the group to build its network and amplify discussion of the topic and the network across Lund University. Events were held for purposes of knowledge sharing; networking at Lund University and with international scholars and building the profile and relationships within the group. The funds from this grant were used for several activities throughout the year. These were documented on the ERN website: https://www.keg.lu.se/en/research/extractivism-research-network

2. Overview of main activities undertaken with the funding

Activity	Dates	Guest	Outputs
Public Lecture: Re-imagining care: women's everyday struggles against extractivism in Latin America	12 May 2025	Diana Almeida, Utrecht University	1. Public lecture 2. Lecture to students 3. Discussions with ERN
Public lecture/ workshop: Cuerpo-territorio	19 August 2025	Sofia Zaragocin, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	4. Public lecture 5. Cuerpo-territorio workshop 6. Establishment of a

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		Kamila Torres, Universidad Pablo de Olavide	network on cuerpo-territorio mapping 7. Development of a journal article on cuerpo-territorio
Panel discussion, workshop and lectures: Feminist research on extractivism	6-7 November 2025	Grettel Navas, University of Chile Hibist Kasa, University of Leicester Ntebohang Phakisi, Bench Marks Foundation, South Africa	7. Public panel discussion 8. 3 x guest lectures to students 9. 1 x doctoral meeting/workshop 10. 2 x discussions with ERN 11. Journal article on extractivism as a boundary object developed
Grant application development	11 November 2025	Internal	12. Pufendorf grant application submitted 9/12/25
Lecture and Workshop: Climate crisis, reparations and international solidarity	8-10 December 2025	Lebohang Liepollo Pheko, The Trade Collective, WEALL, NPC	12. Discusssions with ERN 13. Guest lecture with students 14. Co-hosting of climate crisis, reparations and international solidarity workshop at Cambridge University, UK
Workshop and lecture: Harvesting wind, stirring sands: the expansion of renewable energy frontiers, local resistance, and the European academic gaze on green extractivism in West Asia and North Africa.	11-12 December	Joanna Allan, Northumbria University	15. Internal workshop 16. Co-application to participate in an international conference (accepted)

The outcomes of the activities were as follows:

1. To discuss state of the art research on extractivism with experts in the field
2. To build networks with scholars from outside Sweden
3. To further strengthen the collaborative research amongst the ERN through journal article writing and grant proposal development
4. To provide an opportunity for students at Lund University to receive guest lectures from experts from different backgrounds.

3. Description of activities undertaken

More detailed descriptions of each guest and activities are presented below.

3.1 Public lecture: Re-imagining care: women's everyday struggles against extractivism in Latin America

In May 2025, the ERN hosted its first guest, Dr Diana Almeida from Utrecht University. We held an internal seminar with Diana to discuss key issues regarding current trends on extractivism research for future funding applications and a draft paper she is co-authoring. Diana also held a public lecture. The lecture was attended by around 20 participants, who engaged in discussions about current everyday struggles in Latin America lead by women in sacrifice zones.

Figure 1: First international guest hosted by the ERN, Diana Almeida, with ERN members after internal seminar discussion at the Department of Human Geography.

3.2 Cuerpo-territorio workshop

In August 2025, the ERN hosted a "*Cuerpo-territorio as method*" workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss cuerpo-territorio mapping as a method to study extractivism and its impacts on the body and territory. The workshop ran over one and a half days and included a keynote lecture by Dr Sofia Zaragocin as well as a full day hands-on workshop. The workshop was open to the public and advertised amongst scholars in Europe. Twenty scholars responded to the call coming from Netherlands, Germany, Portugal, Denmark, Sweden and the UK. In addition, three artists joined the

workshop. The aim of the workshop was to explore how people are applying cuerpo-territorio mapping as a method – something relatively new amongst non-Spanish speaking scholars. The outcome of the workshop was a network of scholars who continue to meet and share academic work with each other.

Figure 2: International and local researchers at the cuerpo-territorio workshop at the main door of Geocentrum I.

3.3 Cuerpo-territorio mapping development with Sofia Zaragocin and Kamila Torres

In addition to the workshop itself Dr Zaragocin was involved in teaching to Masters students in Human Geography during her visit. Another guest to the process was Kamila Tores from Chile who has been involved in applying cuerpo-territorio mapping in a project with Martina Angela Caretta and Vasna Ramasar. During their joint visit, the four scholars were engaged in writing a paper reflecting on cuerpo-territorio methodologies which is currently under review.

Figure 3: Sofia Zaragocin and Kamila Torres co-authoring with Martina Angela Caretta and Vasna Ramasar at the Department of Human Geography.

3.4 Feminist perspectives on extractivism: South-South dialogue

In November 2025, a workshop on "Feminist perspectives on extractivism: South-South dialogue" was held with guests Dr Hibist Kassa from Leicester University, Dr Ntebohang Phakisi from Bench Marks Foundation in South Africa and Dr Grettel Navas from the University of Chile. A public panel discussion was held on 6th November with the three guests. Approximately 40 scholars and students from across Lund University attended the discussion which also included ERN members Martina Angela Caretta as moderator and ERN Vasna Ramasar and Yahia Mohamed as discussants. During their visits, the guest scholars were also involved in smaller meeting with the extractivism research group members and students. Grettel Navas shared a developing article on extractivism with the group and the group discussed a collaborative paper which we are currently developing on extractivism as a boundary object. In addition, all three guests gave guest lectures to the CPS and HUGE masters students and Drs Kasa and Phakisi also gave a lecture to LUMID students as well as having a workshop with doctoral candidates within the ERN.

Figure 4: Grettel Navas, Hibist Kassa and Ntebohang Phakisi with hosts Vasna Ramasar and Martina Angela Caretta at the Department of Human Geography.

3.5 Pufendorf proposal development workshop

On 11 November, the ERN used some of the funds for a proposal development workshop. The workshop focused on developing an application for a Pufendorf Theme at Lund University. Several of the group met in person at the Centre for Asia Studies and funds from the grant were used to provide lunch for the half day meeting. The application has been submitted to the Pufendorf Institute. If successful, it will create an opportunity for the group to continue to work together and develop research ideas.

2.5 Climate crisis, reparations and international solidarity workshop

On 08 December, Dr Lebohang Liepollo Pheko visited Lund University where she met with scholars of the ERN as well as gave a lecture to CPS Masters students. Funds from the grant were used to cover her travel costs and onwards to Cambridge University where the ERN co-hosted a workshop on "*Climate crisis, reparations and international solidarity*" on 09 and 10 December 2025. The two-day workshop included 20 scholars and activists working on related topics. Dr Pheko and Vasna Ramasar presented papers at the workshop and Vasna Ramasar was a co-convenor of the closed workshop.

Figure 5: Vasna Ramasar and Lebohang Liepollo Pheko attending the climate crisis, reparations and international solidarity workshop at Cambridge University.

2.6 "Harvesting Wind, Stirring Sands" workshop on Green Extractivism in MENA

On 10-12 December ERN invited Dr Joanna Allan to participate in a workshop on "*Harvesting wind, stirring sands: the expansion of renewable energy frontiers, local resistance, and the European academic gaze on green extractivism in West Asia and North Africa (WANA)*" funded by the Centre for Advanced Middle-Eastern Studies (CMES). Dr Allan gave a keynote address as well as teaching to the HUGE and CPS students on 10 December. (Unfortunately, due to her last moment flight cancellation, Joanna joined online).

Figure 6: Participants of the 'Harvesting wind, Stirring sands' workshop hosted by Maria Andrea Nardi and Yahia Mahmoud with other members of the ERN and international researchers at CIRCLE.

4. Conclusion

Within the calendar year, we were able to host five workshops and invite eight international guest researchers to Lund and to co-host a workshop at Cambridge University. This was possible by finding ways to combine trips with other activities the researchers had in Europe. As such, we deem the funding well spent and allowed the ERN to deepen its work and expand its networks and collaborations. In addition, this momentum was used to prepare a Pufendorf theme application as well as a collaborative journal article by the group.