

## **Extractivisms in Africa: Politics, Ethics and Economy**

In recent decades, extractivism has become one of the main analytical frameworks for understanding the economic, political, and environmental transformations of the African continent. From mining and oil exploitation to the new frontiers of rare earth extraction and strategic resources for the energy transition, from land/water grabbing to digital capitalism, Africa has become the epicenter of extractivism and the site of new dynamics of accumulation, geopolitical competition, and the reconfiguration of global value chains.

Within this context, the ethical and political issues linked to extractivism acquire pivotal relevance, shaping a complex debate around issues of sovereignty, justice, sustainability, and the peaceful coexistence between humans and the environment. These issues concern local communities and entrepreneurs, nation-states, and transnational alliances alike.

This call for papers invites interdisciplinary contributions that critically analyze the multiple dimensions of extractivism in the African context, with particular attention to its impacts on local communities, transformations of political institutions, socio-environmental conflicts, and emerging forms of resistance and alternative governance. Contributions presenting examples of alternative models to extractivism are also welcome. These may include approaches based on local sovereignty, respect for natural cycles, and the reduction of resource consumption, as well as innovative experiences aimed at pursuing a socio-ecological transformation centered on environmental care and the well-being of communities.

Submissions addressing, among others, the following themes are particularly encouraged:

- Geographies and infrastructures of extraction
- Extractivist violence and environmental justice
- Effects of extractivism on communities and marginalized groups, and forms of resistance
- Post-extractivism and alternative development models (agroecology, food sovereignty, green extractivism)

- Digital and epistemological extractivism
- Plantationocene

Particular interest will be given to contributions that combine solid empirical analysis with theoretical reflection on the ethical implications of extractivism, including corporate responsibility, state accountability, the rights and epistemological systems of Indigenous peoples and local communities, intergenerational equity, and the tensions between economic development and ecosystem protection.

Approaches from political science, anthropology, geography, development studies, political economy, law, environmental studies, and related disciplines are encouraged. Both case studies and comparative or theoretical contributions are welcome.

### **Deadlines**

Abstract submission (max 400 words + short bio): **20 April 2026**

Notification of acceptance by editorial board: **27 April 2026**

Full article submission (Italian, English, or French, with 100-word abstract in English + 5 keywords): **1st July 2026**

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