



Geographisches Kolloquium

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Carbon Colonialism: How rich countries export climate breakdown

Climate change is devastating the planet and globalisation is hiding it. Around the world, leading economies are announcing significant progress on climate change. World leaders are queuing up to proclaim their commitment to tackling the climate crisis, pointing to data that shows the progress they have made. Yet the atmosphere is warming at a record rate. Arctic sea ice is reaching record low levels. Climate-linked poverty and precarity are rapidly increasing.

Why then are the green achievements of the rich world not matched by the reality on the ground? As this talk will outline, the answer is that our global economy has outgrown our ability to accurately assess or regulate it. Most of the rich world's environmental footprint is now generated overseas, where limited regulation makes it increasingly easy to conceal through selective reporting and sub-contracting. The result is that climate change impacts, including the slow-burn disasters of droughts and floods, are traded out by wealthier countries and imported by less wealthy ones as the price of economic growth.

This talk will explore how major environmental impacts are hidden by the global economy, allowing both corporations and countries to maintain a clean, green image. Taking a wide ranging, culturally engaged approach to the topic, the book shows how this is not only a technical problem, but a problem of cultural and political systems and structures - from nationalism to economic logic - deeply embedded in our society.

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