

Extractives @ Clark

The Center for the Study of Natural Resources
Extraction and Society at Clark University

GRANT HIGHLIGHTS
FALL 2024 & SPRING 2025

August 1st 2024 to July 31st 2025

FALL 2024 SEMESTER OVERVIEW

- During Fall 2024, Extractives@Clark expanded its role as a hub for dialogue on natural resources extraction, climate justice, and environmental governance.
- Key achievements included:
 - Hosting internationally recognized leaders in land and resource rights
 - Convening cross-sector panel discussions on deforestation and climate policy
 - Strengthening partnerships with CLUA and Oxfam America
 - Engaging students, faculty, and practitioners in policy-relevant conversations

Extractives @ Clark
Fall 2024 Events



Friday, September 6 @ 4:00 Jefferson 218:
Andrew Bogrand of Oxfam America

Join us to learn about the work of frontline environmental defenders in Mozambique, Colombia, and the American South as they take on corporate polluters and challenge the expansion of extractivism and inequality linked to the energy transition



Wednesday, September 18 @ 4:00 Higgins Lounge,
Dana Commons:
Climate and Land Use Alliance (CLUA)

Can deforestation be ended by 2030, and how? Panel members will discuss opportunities and challenges of ending deforestation, speak to the place of universities in these efforts, and reflect on the challenges of actually doing such work as an activist and a professional.



Friday, October 11 @ 12:30 Geography Commons:
Dr. Solange Bandiaky-Badji of RRI

A brown bag conversation with Clark Alumna Solange Bandiaky-Badji. An opportunity for students to learn more about RRI's work building a diverse network of grassroots organizations. Hear about her journey from Clark graduate student to global leader and activist. **Pre-registration for this event is required.**

For more information, contact: ngreene@clarku.edu

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Scan to see our upcoming events:

DEFENDING RIGHTS IN AN ERA OF CLIMATE CRISIS

Andrew Bogrand's talk highlighted frontline struggles for land, environmental, and resource justice across East and Southern Africa, the Amazon, and the American South.

- The conversation addressed:
 - Grassroots resistance to extractive expansion
 - Human rights dimensions of climate change
 - Policy pathways for protecting vulnerable communities

Extractives @ Clark Presents:

DEFENDING RIGHTS IN AN ERA OF CLIMATE CRISIS:

Lessons from Frontline Activists
in East and Southern Africa, the
Amazon, and the American South



FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER, 6

4:00 PM

**ANDREW
BOGRAND**

SENIOR POLICY
ADVISOR FOR NATURAL
RESOURCE JUSTICE AT
OXFAM AMERICA

JEFFERSON 218

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PANEL DISCUSSION: CAN DEFORESTATION BE ENDED BY 2030?

- In partnership with the Climate Land Use Alliance, Extractives@Clark convened a community panel exploring the feasibility, political challenges, and governance pathways toward ending global deforestation by 2030.
- The panelists explored issues of:
 - Forest governance and accountability
 - Land-use transitions
 - Climate mitigation strategies
 - Equity and community impacts

JOIN EXTRACTIVES @ CLARK AND
THE CLIMATE LAND USE ALLIANCE
(CLUA) FOR A PANEL DISCUSSION

Can Deforestation be ended by 2030?

Wednesday, September 18th
Higgins Lounge, Dana Commons

4:00-5:30 pm:
Panel Discussion

Reception to follow

CLUA seeks to realize the potential of
forests and land use to mitigate climate
change, benefit people, and protect the
environment.



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A CONVERSATION WITH DR. SOLANGE BANDIAKY-BADJI

RIGHTS, RESOURCES, AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

- Extractives@Clark hosted a conversation for graduate students with Dr. Solange Bandiaky-Badji, Coordinator and President of the Rights and Resources Initiative, a global coalition advancing the land and resource rights of indigenous peoples, afro-descendant communities, and local communities.
- The discussion examined the intersections of land tenure, climate governance, and environmental justice, highlighting the critical role of community-led stewardship in addressing the climate crisis.

Extractives @ Clark Presents:

A CONVERSATION WITH DR. SOLANGE BANDIAKY-BADJI

COORDINATOR & PRESIDENT OF RIGHTS & RESOURCES INITIATIVE

RIGHTS AND RESOURCES



Dr. Bandiaky-Badji is at the forefront of efforts to advance the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities and Afro-descendant peoples to access natural resources and climate justice. Dr. Bandiaky-Badji received her PhD in Women's and Gender Studies from Clark University and her MA degree in Environmental Sciences and Philosophy from Cheikh Anta Diop University, Senegal.

Friday October 11th @ 12:30pm
Geography Commons

Extractives @ Clark

Registration for this event is required

To pre-register for this event, scan here:

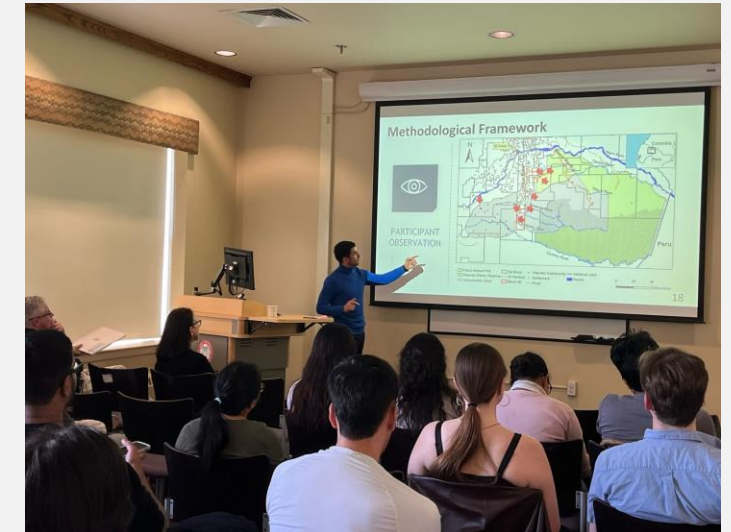


SPRING 2025 SEMESTER OVERVIEW

- During Spring 2025, Extractives@Clark hosted four public-facing events focused on oil extraction, global supply chains, energy transitions, and environmental justice. These events brought together students, faculty, community members, and external partners, fostering interdisciplinary dialogue on the social and ecological dimensions of extractive industries.
- Over the semester, we engaged 96 participants, strengthening campus-community connections and advancing critical conversations on natural resources extraction and sustainability.

POLITICAL ECOLOGIES OF OIL CONFLICTS IN ECUADOR

Danilo Borja's talk examined oil extraction and political ecologies in Ecuador's Yasuní National Park, highlighting the intersections of environmental governance, Indigenous Peoples' rights, and natural resources conflict.



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Political Ecologies of Oil Conflicts
Ecuador's Yasuni Amazon Forest

Explore how benefit-sharing policies, public participation, and indigeneity influence natural resource conflicts in the Ecuadorian Amazon with Dr. Danilo Borja. As a researcher and practitioner in Natural Resource and Energy Policy, his work addresses energy justice, clean energy, Indigenous Peoples' rights, and environmental remediation.

Dr. Borja holds a PhD in Geography from the University of Calgary, a master's in Mineral Resources and Energy Engineering from Jeonbuk National University, and a bachelor's in Geographical and Environmental Engineering from the Armed Forces University - ESPE, Ecuador.

**Danilo Borja, PhD**
Policy Analyst-Strategic
Energy Policy Division,
Natural Resources Canada**April 22nd, 2025**
Lurie Conference Room, UC.
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**Information:**
extractives@clarku.eduRegister and Attend
Online Here:

INCLUSION OF SMALLHOLDERS IN GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN

This talk explored the implications of the European Union Deforestation Regulation for smallholder producers in Indonesia and Lao PDR, examining equity, compliance challenges, and shifting governance structures in global commodity chains.



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You are invited to attend

The Inclusion of Smallholders in Global Supply Chain Regulations

The Case of EU Deforestation Regulation in Indonesia and Lao PDR

Pheakdey Nguon (PhD GSG 2016) is a 2025 Yale Emerging Climate Leader Fellow and Senior Forest Governance Expert at the European Forest Institute with extensive experience in environmental policies (EUDR, FLEGT, REDD+), sustainable landscapes, and climate initiatives. His current research explores EUDR impacts on smallholder timber producers in Indonesia and Lao PDR is supported by a fellowship from the International Tropical Timber Organisation.

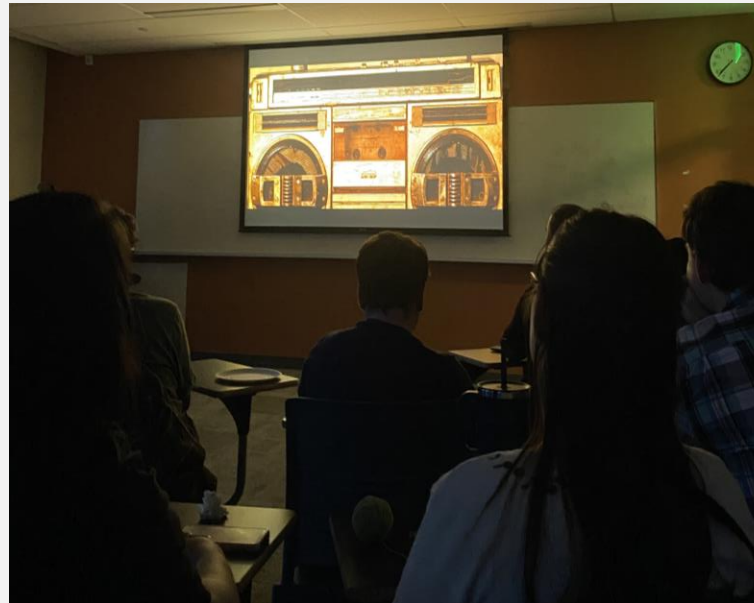
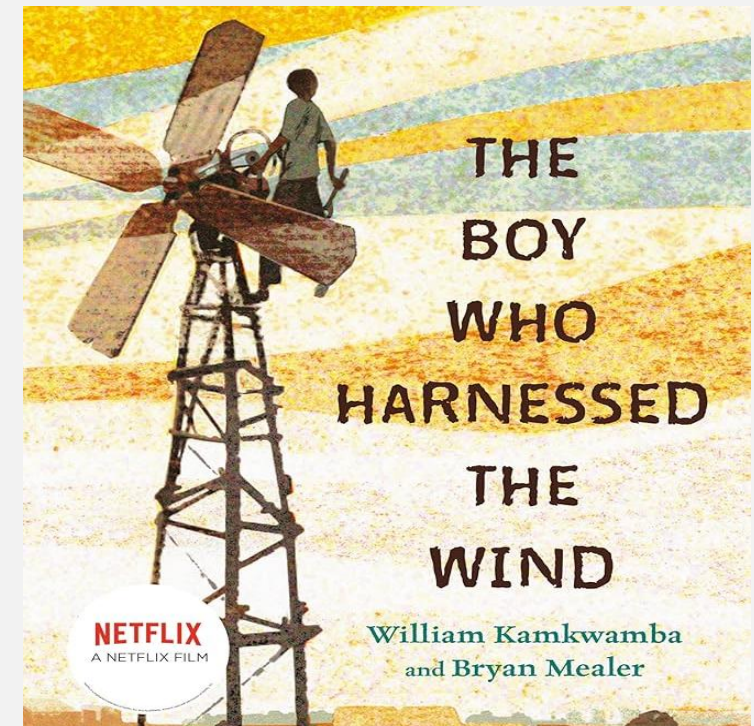
Pheakdey Nguon, PhD
Senior Forest Governance Expert, European Forest Institute

April 4th, 2025
4:00 – 5:00 PM
ASEC 202

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Extractives@clarku.edu

FILM SCREENING: THE BOY WHO HARNESSSED THE WIND

In collaboration with Clark Environmental Action, a student-based organization, Extractives@Clark hosted a film screening and facilitated discussion on renewable energy, innovation, and community resilience.



UNIVERSITY PARK COMMUNITY CLEANUP

In partnership with the Regional Environmental Council, a non-profit organization based in Worcester, and Clark Environmental Action, a student-based organization, we held a community cleanup at University Park in Worcester to celebrate Earth Day. This initiative strengthened local partnerships, community engagement and stewardship.



BIG BOOK GIVEAWAY

We distributed over 150 books to more than 16 researchers and students within our community, supporting scholars in geography, development, political ecology, Indigenous studies, and related fields.



EXTRACTIVES@CLARK

THE BIG **BOOK GIVEAWAY**

JEFFERSON 302 | **EVERY DAY**
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

BOOK CRITERIA:

- GEOGRAPHY
- DEVELOPMENT
- LATIN AMERICAN
DEVELOPMENT & POLITICS
- GLOBAL POVERTY
- NATURE OF CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA
- GLOBALIZATION
- DEVELOPMENT
FINANCE
- ANTHROPOLOGY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- POLITICAL ECOLOGY
- INDIGENOUS STUDIES

OUR SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

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This spring, we were honored to host Dr. [Pheakkdey Nguon, PhD](#) (Clark GSG PhD '16), for a talk on "The Inclusion of Smallholders in Global Supply Chain Regulations."
Drawing on fieldwork in Indonesia and Lao PDR, Dr. Nguon offered critical insights into how EU deforestation policies are reshaping the livelihoods of rural producers. Participants joined from different countries in a hybrid setting to explore the shifting terrain of trade, equity, and global environmental governance.
A timely and thought-provoking session that reminded us how far-reaching regulatory frameworks can be for smallholders at the forest frontier.

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In collaboration with Clark Environmental Action, we hosted a screening of *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, a moving story of youth-led innovation in the face of environmental crisis.
With 34 students in attendance, the evening created space to reflect on climate resilience and community solutions while building new connections across campus.
Thanks to everyone who joined us for this night of food, film, and shared purpose 🌱

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We are delighted to announce our special Earth Day talk at Extractives@Clark by Dr. [Danilo Borja, Ph.D.](#), "Political Ecologies of Oil Conflicts in Ecuador's Yasuní Amazon Forest."

📅 Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2024
🕒 Time: 1:00 – 2:00 PM
📍 Location: Lurie Conference Room, UC, and on Zoom.

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Energy and Environmental Policy
Independent Researcher

April 22nd, 2025

THANK YOU

We are grateful for your continued support. Your funding enables critical conversations, student engagement, and public scholarship on extractive industries and sustainability.