

**International Round Table**  
***ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE, EDUCATION ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT, AND  
THE INDIGENOUS CHALLENGES ON CONTEMPORARY CONTEXT OF  
EXTRACTIVES TRANSNATIONALS***

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Extractive transnational corporations are fast expanding, with total impunity. Despite their corporate social responsibility language, reality shows devastating, often irreversible, consequences where they operate. They generate critical socio-environmental injustices. Environmental degradation diminishes the quality of life of the affected communities, which are often indigenous ones. This is despite the promises of progress and the mirage of jobs creation offered by the companies. In addition to that, these mega-projects mean an alien way of life, the issue of a dominant culture, which has a profound impact on the identity of these communities.

This round table intends to explore the different challenges that confront these communities, specially the indigenous ones, and the efforts to respond to them. We will also talk about the educational challenges that emerge from such a situation, in the current context of economic globalisation resulting in the expansion of extractive transnationals.

**CHAIRS: Isabel Orellana and Gerardo Aiquel**

**KEY NOTE SPEAKERS**

- **NANCY YÁÑEZ**, Lawyer and researcher, Co-Director of the Observatory of Indigenous Peoples Rights, Chile.
- **JAVIER RODRÍGUEZ PARDO**, journalist and researcher, founder and Co-ordinator of RENACE (Ecological Action Network), Argentina.
- **MARCEL CLAUDE**, Research Director, Universidad Arcis, Chile.

We will also have the participation of:

- **ENRIQUE RIVERA**, Lawyer, environmental exile de San Luis de Potosí, México, case mine San Xavier
- **JETHRO TULIN**, grass-roots organizer and founder of the human rights organization Akali Tange Association (ATA), Papua New Guinea.
- **SERGIO CAMPUSANO**, President of the Diaguita Huascoaltino Indigenous People, Chile. He will be accompanied by Daniela Guzmán and Albadina Carmona Villegas, members of the same community.

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