



# Acknowl-EJ 2016-2017

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# Network Aims

- To stimulate political debate regarding social conflicts over environment
- To uncover and describe the mechanisms under which environmental injustices are reproduced within a social-metabolic perspective
- An epistemological enquiry into the co-production of knowledge practice and action for EJ and sustainability.
- Examination of conflict transformation processes and concrete alternatives to well-being and how they are actualized and lead to empowerment processes at social, community and individual levels.
- Doing so by an innovative collaborative process in which activists and academics and activists academics interchange knowledge and methods

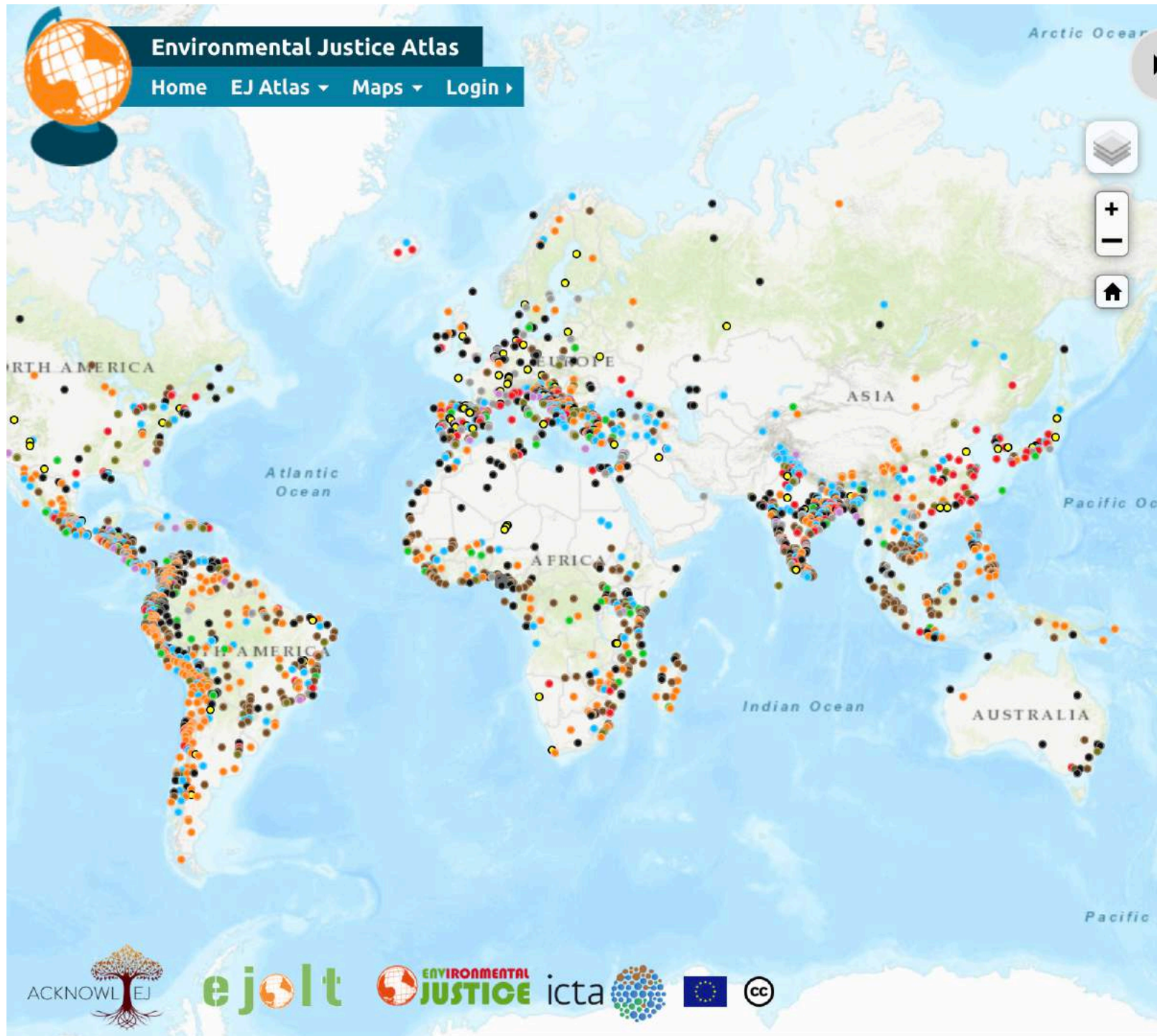
## 5) transversal processes of collaboration and reflexivity

- A) The Environmental Justice Atlas
- B) Understanding of transformations
- C) Case studies
- D) Sharing Knowledge and Worldviews
- E) Political rigour



# Environmental Justice Atlas

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## A) The Environmental Justice Atlas

### A.1) Expansion & Improvement of Atlas

- Process: Network networks, collaborations to identify and develop cases, knowledge co-production process.
- New cases
- Co-moderation & Featured map new tools
- Unifying platforms

# A) The Environmental Justice Atlas

## A.2) Arab regional platform

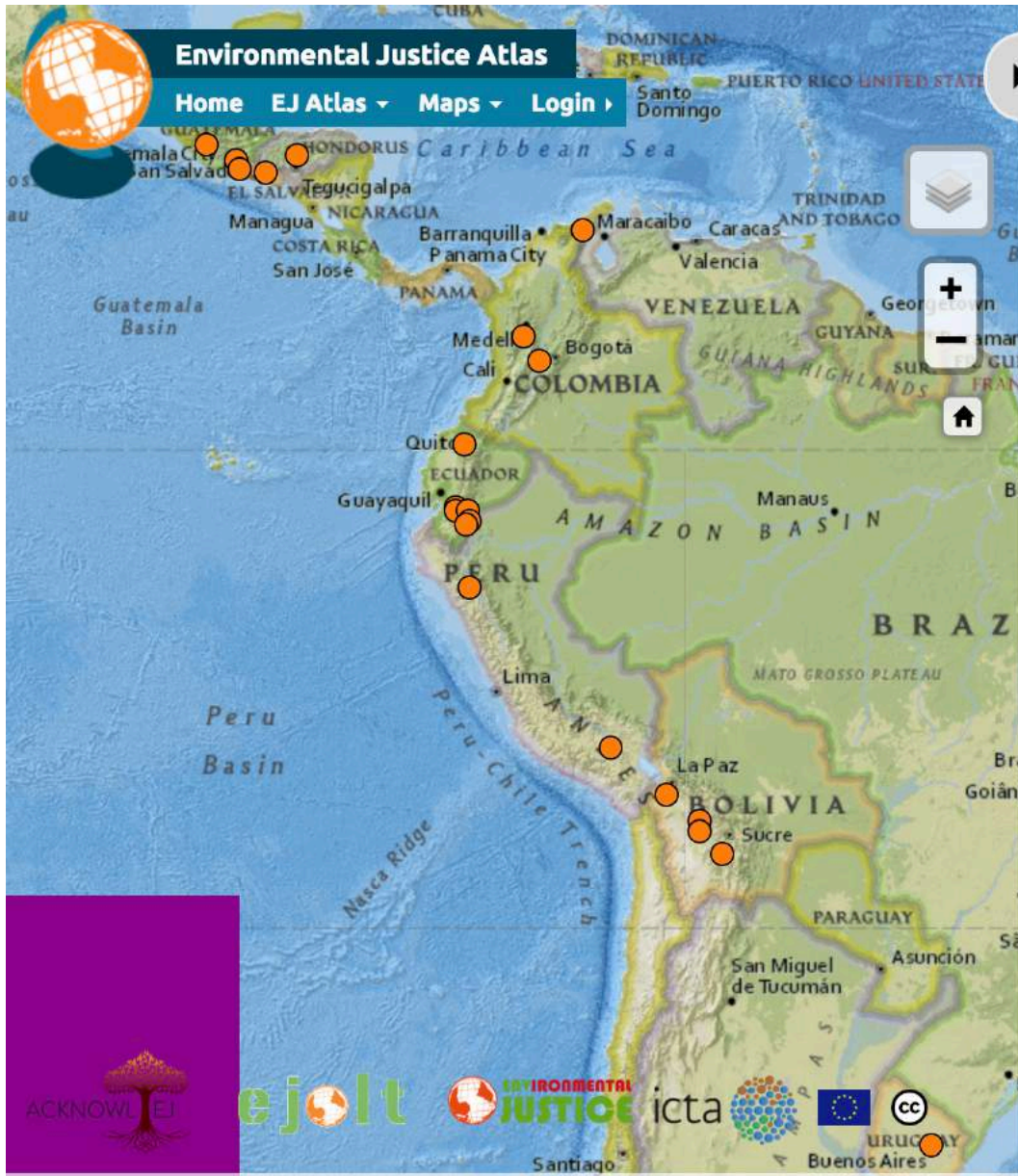
- Beirut meeting pre-launch
- Development process (regional advisory board, case selection)
- Challenges (language, context, etc)
- Book proposal

# A) The Environmental Justice Atlas

## A.3) Featured maps

- Co-creation of featured maps in collaboration with social movements to visibilize inspiring struggles and processes and analyze the Atlas database
- 2006-7 Pilot call
- 2018 Plans





# Mujeres Latinoamericanas Tejiendo Territorios



## ▼ Description

Este mapa muestra las afectaciones a las mujeres por actividades extractivas y su rol en la construcción de alternativas. Se incluyen apenas 21 de muchos casos que se evidencian en América Latina y busca difundir y potenciar los liderazgos de las mujeres.

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## ► Legend

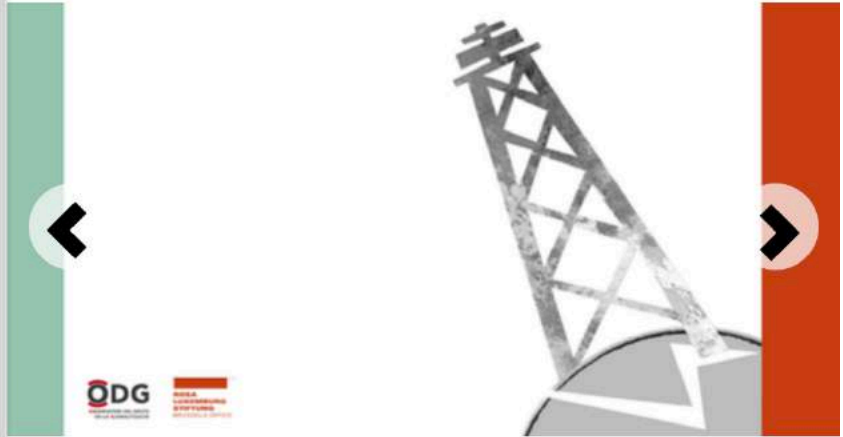
### ▼ Cases

- Conga, Peru Mujeres
- Consulta Popular en Piedras, Tolima, Colombia Mujeres
- Planta Hidrometalurgica de Coro coro, Bolivia Mujeres
- El Cerrejón mine, Colombia Mujeres
- Pacific Rim at El Dorado mine, El Salvador Mujeres
- Proyecto Minero El Escobal, Guatemala Mujeres
- Empresa minera Kumurama y el Ingenio Andacaba, Bolivia Mujeres
- Fruta del Norte, Ecuador Mujeres
- Huanuni, Bolivia Mujeres
- Iamgold in Quimsacocha, Ecuador Mujeres
- Intag mining, Junin, Ecuador Mujeres
- International Minerals Corporation (IMC) in Molleturo, Ecuador**





## Global gas Lock-in Map



### ▼ Description

This map shows European gas resistance in the context of massive proposed new gas infrastructure that would represent a “Fossil Fuel Lock-in” for Europe and massive public spending through the publicly funded “Projects of Common Interest” (PCIs).

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### ► Legend

### ▼ Cases

800 MW CCGT Power Plant in Arrúbal, Spain [↗](#)

Agip Facility Pollutes Kwale Community Ponds, Nigeria [↗](#)

Agip pipeline leaks gas in Ebocha community, Nigeria [↗](#)

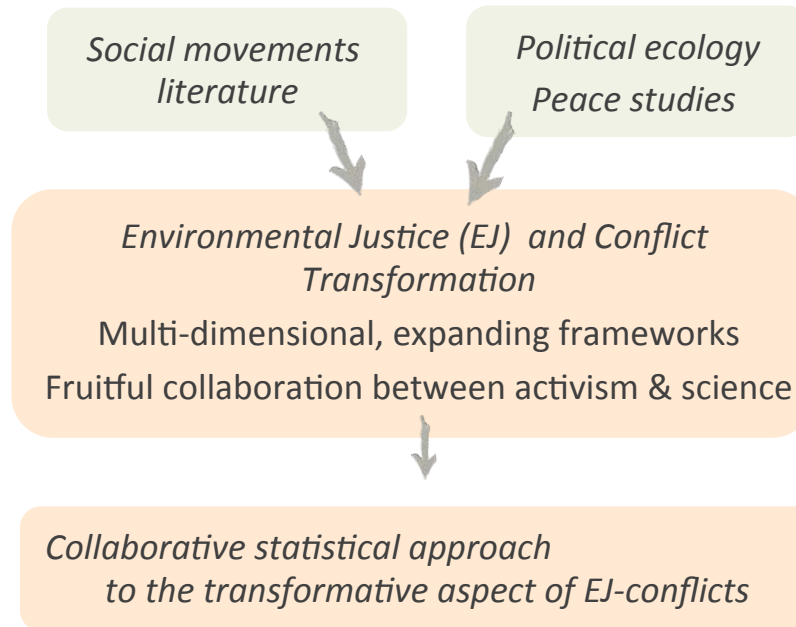
Algarve Livre de Petróleo, Portugal [↗](#)

Aliaga Industrial Conflicts, Turkey [↗](#)

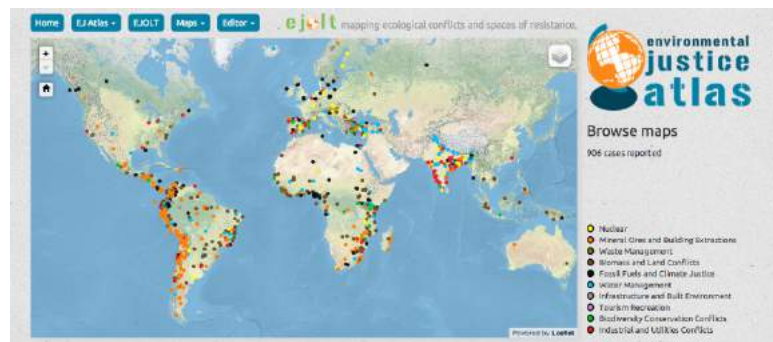
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A) The Environmental Justice Atlas  
A.4) Development of Quantitative analysis  
of Atlas

# Conflicts as Key Drivers of Environmental Justice and Sustainability Transformation



- A discussion on the spectrum of transformations taking place in different context/settings/regions
- Understanding the conflict characteristics/factors affecting these different transformations taking place



**New research questions with the intents of EJOs involved in conflicts**



# Other key ongoing outputs

- Workshop Counter-mapping resource conflict.
- Analysis on political uses of Atlas (book chapter and paper)
- Development of pedagogical tools based on users experience. (looking for collaborations with teaching experts, syllabus developers)

## B) Understanding of transformations

### B.1) The Alternatives Transformation Framework

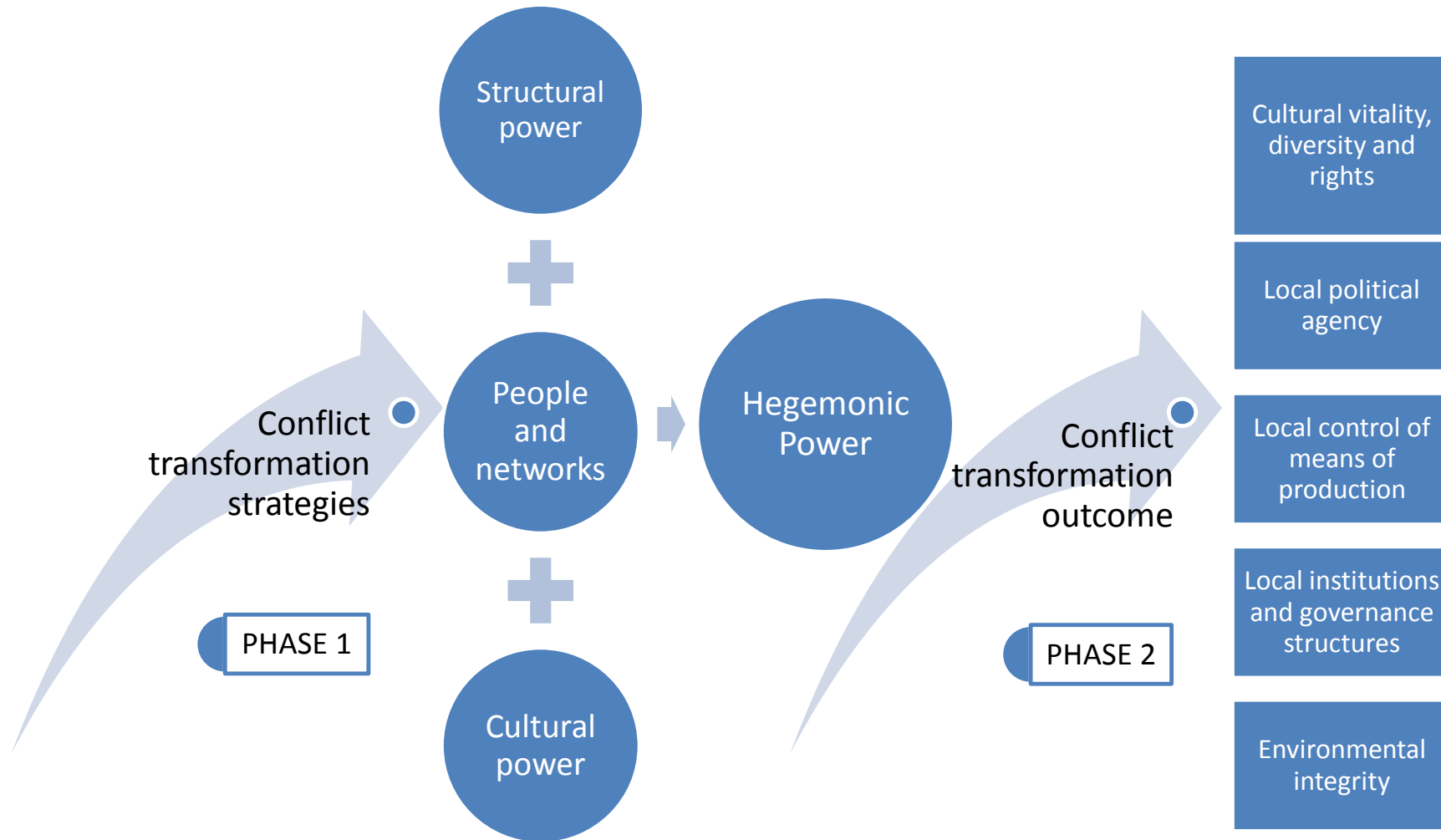
- Born the experience of documenting and networking alternative initiatives in India and an understanding of similar initiatives elsewhere.

What is a systemic or transformative alternative, distinct from a change that is merely reformative within the existing system? what are the key elements of such an alternative, and how can one assess which elements are being transformed in an initiative? what about if one element is being transformed, but another remaining the same or regressing? how can those taking part in the change assess for themselves whether their process is holistic, and if not, how to make it so? And in all this, what kinds of worldviews, cosmologies, frameworks of values and ethics underpin such a transformation?

B) Understanding of transformations  
B.2) Conflict Transformation Framework



# HOW ARE SOCIO-ECOLOGICAL CONFLICTS TRANSFORMED?



# Some outputs

- 2 Framework papers
- A joint paper accepted (special issue on EJAtlas in Sustainability journal):

**A radical perspective on transformations to sustainability: resistances, movements, alternatives** (Leah Temper, Mariana Walter, Iokiñe Rodríguez, Ashish Kothari & Ethemcan Turhan).

## C) Case studies

### C.1) In-depth cases

Participatory research in conjunction with the communities and resistance movements.

### C.2) Satellite cases

The analysis is carried out by members of the research project as an “outsider” assessment.

## D) Knowledge and Worldviews

- WorldViews dialogue & Vikalp Sangam
- Analysis on co-production processes (forms of expertise and activism, in EJ conflicts)
- Plans for 2018 India meeting, future TKN meetings?

# E) Political Rigour

- Mid-term external evaluation
- Documentation Process (to be explained with methods Day 3)
- Phd Student Lena Weber thesis
- Papers & collaborations (e.g. Dylan )

# Other Activities

- Discussing if Mooc
- Proposal for TKN meeting in Turkey early 2019, with summers school?
- 2018 LASA conference meeting with other research groups.



## Theory of change

- Conflict can be a catalyst for social transformation. Conflict is rooted in situations that are perceived as violent and unjust and invite us to reflect on the opportunities that such clashes of interest and visions offer to produce social change. By addressing the root of the issue, conflict can be transformed to create harmonious, constructive and balanced relationships.
- Social transformation happens through confluences: the creation of solidarities and cross-sectoral, cross-cultural, and other dialogues; through the creation of physical, social, and virtual space for sharing experiences and reflection on possible alternative futures.

- Social transformation calls for radical change and happens through addressing the root issues causing injustice, including structural and cultural violence and discrimination.
- Change entails eliminating hierarchies and decentralizing for autonomy and resilience.
- Multiple forms of knowledge are needed for social transformation and are equally valued. Epistemic and cognitive justice and the acknowledgment of other worlds and other ways of being is a pre-condition for transformation.