



The Environmental Justice Network ENJUST through CIESAS, the Center for Sociological Studies of UNAM and CIMSUR-UNAM are pleased to invite to the meeting:

## **“Environmental Justice and violence: Resistances, articulations, and intersections”**

The ENJUST 2023 meeting will be a **space for collective reflection on the violence faced by environmental justice movements** in order to make visible, characterize and to understand its different modalities and origins. We seek to address the situation of administrative, political, and legal protections as part of structural violence. We want to think about resistance strategies at different scales, and collaborate for the **strengthening and expansion of the networks that environmental justice movements have been weaving and for the defense of territory and life**. This implies reflecting on the degree of incidence of environmental justice struggles in institutional, political, and legislative structures and their impact on society; the scope and potential of **environmental justice discourses as an engine for the construction of social alternatives and imaginaries**; and the emergence of novel and transnational ways of articulating environmental justice struggles in differentiated contexts. We will especially pay attention to the **intersection between EJ and the rise of the most recalcitrant political right-wing** and so-called populist regimes around the world. These regimes try to undermine innovative efforts towards a new style of social development and EJ movements; tend to delegitimize, restrict, or outright eliminate particular, locally bounded, traditional, or critical forms of knowledge; and to restrict or even eliminate fundamental human freedoms and human rights.

The meeting will take place in person in San Cristobal de las Casas and will bring together around 35 participants, both members of the EnJust Network and interested professionals. The format will include short communications in different formats and interactive discussions in an informal and collegial environment.

On this occasion we call for academic contributions on topics related, although not exclusively, to the various sources and forms of violence in the field of environmental justice, such as:

- Violence as legality/illegality
- Symbolic violence, structural violence

- Extreme violence (extermination, disappearance, necropolitics)
- Violence and resistance in urban environments
- Resistances, agencies, networks, strategies, responses: how to overcome violence, strategies to build hope (art, methodologies), role of critical academia
- Climate change and environmental degradation as slow violence.

**Extended deadline for submissions: March 12, 2023.**

Abstracts should be between 250 and 300 words in Spanish or English, plus title, author(s) and affiliation. Please send your abstract by e-mail to [enjustmx@gmail.com](mailto:enjustmx@gmail.com) by March 12, 2023.

There is no registration fee, but participants must generally cover their own travel and accommodation expenses. Participants with limited travel budgets are strongly encouraged to submit their abstracts. We aim to secure funds to reimburse travel costs and accommodation for a limited number of participants.

Given the size of the meeting, participants will be selected using the following criteria:

- Appropriateness of the presentation or project to the main themes of the meeting.
- Diversity of the participant pool in terms of geography, theme, and gender.

**Notifications of acceptance: March 31, 2023.**

**Organizing Committee**

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**Meeting structure**

- Event closed to participants, with some selected activities open to the public and online transmission.
- Thematic sessions of max. 4-5 people with short presentations (15 min), with a commentator moderator.
- Testimonial session with local and regional environmental activists.

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