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The politics of nature and landscapes in South East Europe I

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Landscape, nature, and resources are key features of South East European politics: Yugoslav socialism was based on modernist extraction of natural resources and many wars were fought in now protected landscapes. Today, land is a site of both resting places and agricultural reforms; forests and rivers are being turned into militarised borders; and human-nature relations are brought to the fore by environmental movements that contest the exploitation of natural resources under the guise of 'green transition'. In close conversation with a second panel, this panel will examine the power in - and of - landscapes and environments as spaces of meaning. Whether as sites of memory and identity, or resource extraction and protest, the panel zones in on the varied political dimensions of human-nature relations.

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