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The politics of nature and landscapes in South East Europe II

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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 the first 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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