

Discussions of sustainability and climate change concepts using critical discourses

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The conceptualisation of a common agenda, climate justice and environment consciousness have a deep and wider meaning that goes beyond the assigned definition from global agreements. To achieve climate change and environment objectives requires the unpacking of concepts to reveal its socio-political underpinnings. In this panel, several concepts in sustainable development, climate change, and environmental political takes on a more critical evaluation.

This panel compiles five research relating to the concepts of climate change, anthropocentrism, global environment, commons, and environment consciousness using critical thought. One of the papers is on the idea of climate change as a racialised and gendered concept that builds on historical imaginative geographies that have a colonial history and a paternalistic and developmental politics. The second paper also uses critical feminist theories as well as indigenous, and imaginative approaches to planetary crises, interrogating the concept of anthropocentrism in contemporary geopolitical thinking. The third paper talks about the concept of new global environment thought by considering human and non-human relationships. This covers the idea of “Capitolocene”, “Anthropocene”, and “Laudato Si”. Fourth paper talks about the framing behind the idea of “commons” and how it relates to the idea of self, space, and the collective. Last paper is also on the idea of commons but more on how developed and developing countries can create a common ground on environment consciousness.

From these five research, the panels aims to open the discussion behind the concepts that surround different environment agenda. By using the critical lens in the discussion of the concepts, meeting environment targets is not merely just achieving but more on becoming conscious of the values that it contain.

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