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Exploring the relationship between imperialism, coloniality and environmental degradation I

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This panel recognises that many researchers are working at the intersection of environment and colonial / post colonial / decolonial research, especially during a time when the realities of this intersection between colonialism, empire, and the environment have never been more clear. This moment makes evident the interconnections between militarism and settler colonialism and genocide and ecocide, and therefore the need to situate our knowledge and approaches within anticolonial, indigenous and translocal perspectives. These papers recognise the importance of scholarship that addresses these issues, and address how imperialism / colonialism / extraction / capitalism are in relationship with environmental degradation. This is both on a material level, where the functions of occupation and extraction lead to environmental destruction, and on a more discursive level, where hierarchies of life are used to justify and naturalise ongoing violence against certain people and places.

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