Confronting Climate Change and Building Peace: Environmental Justice in Colombia

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Do you want to learn more about how climate change impacts social and grassroots movements?

After decades of armed conflict, the people of Colombia are still fighting to achieve peace and resolution in their nation. However, ecotourism and megaprojects led by multinational groups are not only harming the environment but driving a wedge between the Peace Process.

In reality, the Peace Process opened up more space for multinational investment and business interests because it failed to change the neoliberal economic model. US supported policies, such as aerial fumigation, facilitate greater business investments by forcing occupants to leave the land, and thus leaving it open for businesses to move in.

This delegation will explore dual facets of climate change, how US policies contribute to continued environmental degradation in Colombia, how the narrative of climate change is used as justification for displacement, and how the threat of climate change prevents indigenous and rural communities from protecting their land, and the opportunity to advocate for their right to peace and environmental justice.

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