

Workshop



“Governance of natural Resources from the Andean worldview”

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Although Latin America is one of the most biodiverse regions in the world, needs financial resources for infrastructure and public services. The last two decades, countries in the Andean region (Perú, Colombia and Ecuador) began the extraction process for minerals with a very important social and environmental impact in the indigenous territories. There are some elements that may be present in this discussion: i) the recognition of nature as a matter of rights (Ecuador and Colombia), ii) the Andean worldview of “Sumak Kawsay” (Ecuador) and “Sumak Qamaña” (Bolivia) (good living), and, iii) the idea of governance of natural resources. The Central government has it very hard when deciding between conserving natural resources or extracting them. The way we see this Andean worldview could give us a better idea of conservation of natural resources.

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