"Double Trouble in the Andes: Climate Change, Extractive Industries, and Struggles over Water Resources in the Andes"

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Over the past decade a new wave of extractive industries have scaled the Andes and crossed the Amazon Basin in search of new mineral deposits and hydrocarbon resources. While recent global economic chaos did briefly slow the expansion of these activities, rapidly growing demand for raw materials is now accelerating the expansion of new water-intensive natural resource extraction frontiers in the region. At the same time, intensifying climate change has begun to pose new risks for the water resources that are critical to the natural and social systems of the region. This talk will explore the confluence of both climate change and extractive industries and the challenges they pose for hydraulic and hydrologic relations across the Central Andes. Will these new imperatives provoke a profound reordering of the region and will they be double the trouble for new struggles over water resources?

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