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Resources and Indigenous Peoples

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Message from the Guest Editor

The impacts of development pressures and the reactions of indigenous peoples constitute some of the most challenging questions related to justice, sustainability and resource management in the world today. Different disciplinary approaches have tried to theorise and interpret those trends, but a significant number of questions remain unanswered. In South America, Africa and in Asia, land grabbing and nature commodification have accelerated in the last three decades with the expansion of mining and agribusiness, which has led to the containment of the indigenous population in overcrowded reserves, road encampments and uncertain settlements. However, to the surprise of many, most indigenous groups have shown a clear ability to react and fight for their fundamental rights. Their reactions to resource grabbing are shaped by religious practices, strong family ties and the ability to internally negotiate the return and preservation of ancestral areas. Overall, considering all the above, papers are invited for this Special Issue and should reflect on the muddled trends and challenges related to resources and indigenous peoples, which are inevitably fraught with complexities and ambiguities.



