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Development in Response to Climate Change: an analysis of contentious politics and representation across North and South

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Summary

Biography

My research sits across human geography, development studies and political ecology. Broadly, I work on questions of socio-environmental change in response to perceived environmental crisis and climate change. To date, this has involved working in Bolivia on post-neoliberalism, environmentalism, indigeneity and protected areas conservation.

My current research, funded by an Royal Geographical Society Environment & Sustainability Grant, investigates reiterations of sustainable development as promoted by the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This involves analysing how NGOs work with social movements in Bolivia, as well as how the SDGs encounter conflicts surrounding energy megaprojects and their related infrastructure - identified as environmental justice.

My Vice-Chancellor's Fellowship at Bristol builds on this project, investigating how development is conceptualised and promoted in response to climate change. Specifically, this means examining how international NGOs engage with the politics of alternative development (in relation to extractive economies and climate change) across Latin America and analysing how this is represented in publics in the Global North.

I was awarded PhD in 2015 by the Global Development Institute (GDI) at the University of Manchester, where I was supervised by Prof Dan Brockington and Dr Tania Bastia. Before this, I worked as a Teaching Fellow at UCL and was employed by the University of Cambridge, as a lecturer in Human Geography. I have long been on the committee of the Developing Areas Research group (DARG) of the RGS, where I recently took over as Chair.

Before my PhD, I worked in the UK refugee sector and continue to support the work of Article 26, an organisation committed to securing access to higher education for forced migrants.

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Memberships

Organisations

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Recent publications

- Hope, J, 2017, '[The constraints of an 'ironic scholar': Negotiating critical engagement with indigeneity and nature conservation'](#). *Geoforum*, vol 78., pp. 74-81
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