

PROJECT:

**POLITICAL ECONOMY OF NEOEXTRACTIVIST DEVELOPMENT: TERRITORY, VIOLENCE AND CRIMINALIZATION IN BELO MONTE'S CASE (2007-2020)**

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**ABSTRACT:** This project aims to analyze what is here called as *Political Economy of Neoextractivist Development* from two essential scopes intertwined: primitive accumulation of capital and criminal justice system. The theoretical framework departs from the perception that both scopes are related mutually by their foundational necessity on racial and class hierarchies to impose their existence on sociability. For the execution of this analysis, we assess the position of territory and Law as social forms oriented to organized those hierarchies. Furthermore, we understand that accumulation of capital is directly related to criminal law where the latter is essential to exercise social control to peoples previously related to areas exploited by extractivism as basis of global accumulation. For so, we connect Marxism and Decolonial thought to reflect in a dialectical way and to understand the referred conditions of domination, exploitation and oppression. To depart from the materiality, as our methodological perspective demands, we use the case of Belo Monte Hydropower Plant just as an example of a project that is entrenched in neoextractivist structure and that already has significant data and effects to be evaluated both to national context and to its global dimensions and mutual influences.

**KEYWORDS:** Political Economy; Development; Extractivism; Criminal Justice System; Belo Monte Hydropower Plant.