

Ethnographic Analyses of Extraction:

This course examines social and environmental dynamics in large- and small-scale mining, as well as the formal and informal extraction of critical minerals, rare earth minerals and other high value resources. Situated within broader global systems of production, extractive processes and places provide unique insights into understanding social and regulatory considerations in global modes of production, including gender, livelihoods, mining formalization, development, conflict, just transitions, climate change and the anthropocene. Employing an ethnographic approach and examination of extractivism, this course will critically analyze contemporary forms of extraction in Canada and the Global South.