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Environmental Governance: the case of the Chilean salmon industry

Salmon was introduced into Chilean waters with the explicit purpose of developing an export industry in the early 1970s. In less than 20 years Chilean producers were able to compete against Norway, the world-leading producer. However, the crisis of 2007 made it necessary to regulate the governance mechanisms in place. The presentation will provide an overview of the concept of political ecology, which is concerned with understanding the power dynamics involved in socio-natural relations, and which offers a lens to analyze environmental and political tensions. It is argued that the policy and institutional arrangements implemented to overcome the Chilean salmon crisis were effective in reigniting the new accumulation cycle but have not dealt with the underlying ecological contradictions.



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