(Postponed) Pursuit: Socio-Environmental Impacts of Large Hydropower Dams across the Global South

Time of Event:
Monday, May 11, 2020 - 09:00 to Friday, May 15, 2020 - 17:00

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More than 3,700 dams are planned or under construction across the Global South, with projects in the Mekong and the Amazon the most numerous at present. Hydropower is the leading source of renewable energy across the world, accounting for up to 71% of this supply as of 2016. We will operationalize and use a framework that integrates existing approaches (anti-dam and mitigation) and that takes into account the possibility of local communities playing a significant role in defining alternatives to those presented by dam builders in order to minimize socio-ecological impacts and maximize benefits (i.e., what we call sustainability transitions). While we will look at both upstream and downstream communities, we will focus on impacts on communities and ecosystems downstream of hydropower dams because these communities and ecosystems have been ignored in dam planning, in consultation processes, and in social and environmental impact assessments. We will be extracting relevant variables from different data sets brought by participants to the pursuit and will combine them into indicators to address new research questions based on the framework, write synthesis papers, and prepare new research projects.

To learn more about the Pursuit, click here [1].

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