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Beyond Climate Justice

Competing Narratives and Ambitious Climate Action in India

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Abstract

Embedding the notion of “climate justice” at the core of climate change discourse results in a political frame around risk (Indian) and responsibility (Global North’s). The project seeks to delineate how a focus on climate justice obscures the need for more ambitious national and global action on climate change. My research project examines the popularisation of the climate justice narrative since the 2015 Paris Conference on Climate Change, articulates a progressive definition of the notion, and maps how both India’s policy framework and actions, and the Paris Agreement are performing role in relation to the ideal. The study takes keen interest in how the needs and risks of marginalized and vulnerable communities (the poor, women, farmers, rural and coastal areas) are accounted for in the climate discourse (policy, media, and activism). It also considers the implications of India’s new climate plan and how environmental organizations focused on climate change are influencing public opinion and narratives. The study is intended to yield significant insights on how policy, media narratives, climate education and plans can be reoriented to meet the needs of the most vulnerable.

Bio

Tyrone Hall currently holds the prestigious Ontario Trillium Scholarship. His graduate work concerns global communication for development and social change, specifically global climate change communication processes. He holds a Masters of Arts in International Development and Social Change from Clark University in Massachusetts, USA, where he held the Compton International Fellowship in Environment and Sustainable Development. Hall previously managed the communications portfolio for 19 climate change projects across a dozen Caribbean islands, Belize, Guyana and Suriname. He now serves as the primary communications advisor to the regional climate change centre, which is a United Nations Centre of Excellence. He is the creator and editor of Caribbean Climate, the premier climate change blog in the Caribbean, and routinely reviews various climate change communication and ICT for agriculture and youth employability initiatives in Sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean and Pacific countries.

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