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Call for papers for the session

***Contaminated sites and environmental justice in Europe.
Geography of a hazardous relationship.***

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Over the past few decades, a growing body of research has revealed that exposure to environmental contamination (of soil, surface or groundwater, air, and the food chain), and other environmental risks, are unevenly spatially distributed, and unequally affect the health and wellbeing of individuals, groups and communities. The examination of contaminated sites in Europe throws this phenomenon into stark relief.

Existing multidisciplinary research that has analyzed case studies of environmental (in)justice approach the subject from distinct perspectives, at different geographical scales, and using qualitative and/or quantitative methods of analysis, or a combination of the two. Although distributive inequalities of contaminated sites are often documented in this way, existing interlinkages between environmental and social factors – e.g. connections with socio-economic status of communities – raise issues of substantial environment justice which remain largely unexplored.

As a research team working on the geography of contaminated sites in Italy, our goal is to contribute to expanding knowledge and academic debate on the subject. We therefore encourage and welcome both theoretical and empirical papers (including contributions which adopt different methodological techniques, such as GIS, visual methods, or citizen science) which approach environmental justice issues in Europe, both from a 'distributive' and a 'procedural' perspective.

In terms of distributive environmental justice, we invite papers that discuss, for example, the diffusion of environmental contamination and risks, and their connections at different scales of analysis, with individuals, communities, governmental bodies, or private entities. Why are some groups more affected than others? Do ethnicity, vulnerability or socioeconomic status matter?

On the topic of procedural justice, we are interested in works on historical processes, norms, practices, and mechanisms to determine the distribution of environmental contaminations and risks. Are contaminated sites characterized by unfairness of procedural (in)justice? Do affected populations have any stake or influence in decision-making processes over these areas? What is the role played by social movements?

We are also interested in methodological contributions aimed at presenting, testing, and debating different techniques of analysis, and empirical evidence derived from the application of a variety of approaches and geographical scales of analysis. What is the 'real' extent of a contaminated site? How should the population affected be quantified?

Finally, we welcome contributions on new emerging environmental justice issues in Europe, considering the Covid-19 crisis.

Keywords: Environmental justice, contaminated sites, vulnerable communities, inequalities, Europe.

Abstract body cannot exceed a limit of 300 words (excluding title, authors, affiliations, and keywords).

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