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About International Development as a goal: reflections and alternatives

My presentation is situated in the area of development studies and human geography and responds to the need to find alternative grounds for international cooperation, moving away from the mainstream policies based on competitive relations and capitalistic-extractivist resource economies, often manifest as globalized development goals, and looking instead to human diversity and its constitutive specificities: histories, knowledges, realities, constraints and desires that vary across space. I argue that alternative international relations may exist, also in research and action settings, reaching marginal groups that are hardly voiced. I particularly look into diversity

of forms to (re)incorporate people, justice and the environment into development. In number of projects, especially in Sudan, Morocco and Kenya and lately also in Ecuador, I have studied local areas and micro-realities especially related to water management and environmental justice. In this occasion, I will present a project where we have used participatory mapping and environmental histories to reconstruct local ecological knowledges and meanings of the current water and forest-related problems, as a way to find spaces of mediation with local institutions.

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