Green Neoliberalism, Ecogovernmentality, and Emergent Community A Case of Coastal Resource Management in Palawan, the Philippines

Despite the burgeoning literature dealing with the formation of ecorational subjects under the neoliberal governmentality of global environmentalism, the complexity of the resource users' agentive practices, which are carried out in the matrix of power relations inherent in a particular resource management regime, remains in need of careful examination. The practice of agency cannot be fully comprehended through the simple binary of power and resistance. This article discusses the agency of resource users and the emerging community, which engage in various practices to expand the social space in which an alternative pattern of resource use, more embedded in the local community's setting, can be made possible.

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