

Labour and Environmental Relations

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Labour movements are in a unique position to effect ecological change due to their power and class position.

- Investigate coordinations between labour and environmental organizations.
- Contribute to study within the area by producing comparable case studies, which test existing theoretic claims.
- Produce a set of best practice for labour and environmental groups who are working on coordinated campaigns.
- Create tools for direct application in the field

Research Phases

I. Literature Review and Country Overviews- 2011-2012

II. Case Studies- 2012-2013

III. Analysis, Publication, Best Practices 2013-2014

IV. Further Research/Tool Box?

Questions From the Literature

Social Unionism

- Are 'social unions' more likely to participate in effective cooperation?

-What are the particularities that aid success?

Nature of Arrangements

-What geo-political level is coordination occurring on?

-What are the strengths and weaknesses of each level?

Occupational Interests

-What are the occupational interests of the union/sector?

-How are objective interests translated into practice?

Questions Cont.

Class/Cultural Divide

- What effect is the preception of a class or cultural divide playing?
- What strategies were effective for mitigating these challanges?

Macro-Economic Setting

- What effect has the general economic setting had?
- What role is job loss or job transition playing?
- What of the political setting?

A Force of Internal Change

- Has involvement in the campaign contributed to union renewal?
- Is there a consciousness that transends economistic views? How did it develop?

Thanks and Welcome