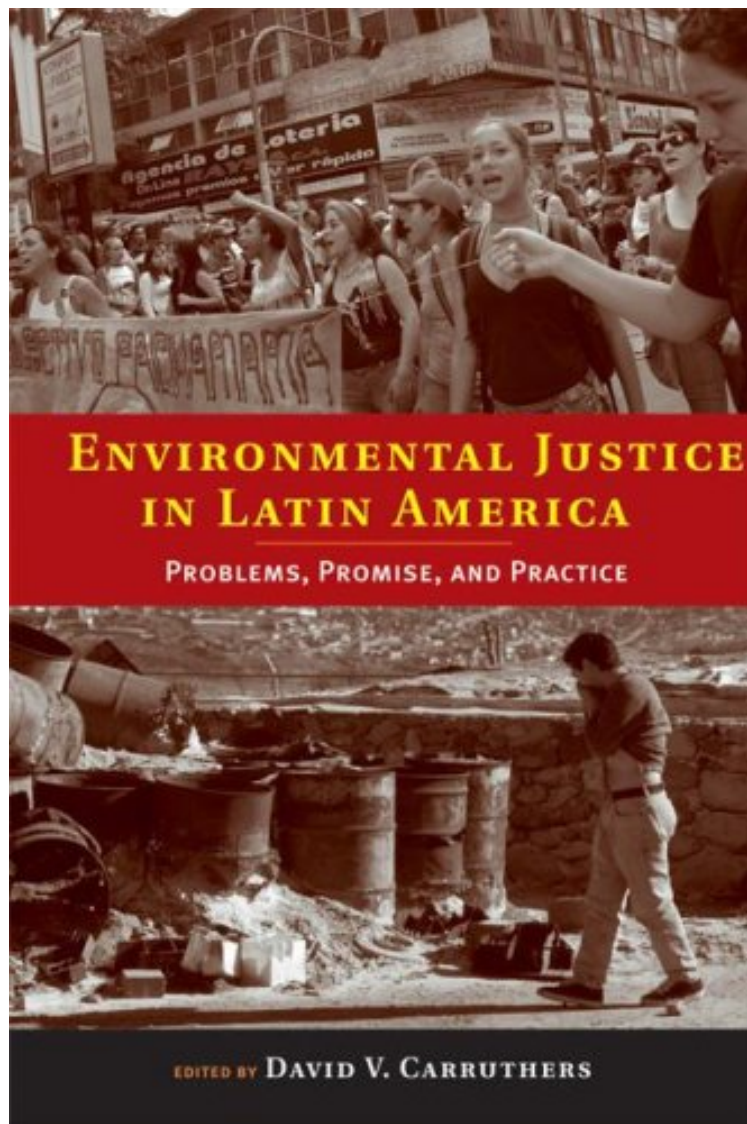


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By Alex
This book traces the historical origins of Environmental Justice seen through the lens of environmental racism in the United States during the 1980's, and draws upon similarities of disproportionate externalities to the poor and indigenous people (campesinos) in Latin American countries Brazil, Peru, Mexico etc. Distributive and Processual inequity have created a miasma of environmental injustice, where transnational corporatism, global corporativism, and illegal gentrification practices belie the social, economic and political dimensions in Latin America that are supposed to underscore fundamental human rights and civil liberties like access to a clean environment, potable water, and habitable land. The book draws on many historical cases to demonstrate how, in the face of such oppression, local groups have been able to rally together and protest the environmental imperialism of domestic and international actors, with remarkable success. Only downside is that there are a lot of syntax errors. I will email David and draw them to his attention.

Scholars and activists investigate the emergence of a distinctively Latin American environmental justice movement, offering analysis and case studies that illustrate the connections between popular environmental mobilization and social justice in the region. Environmental justice concerns form an important part of popular environmental movements in many countries. Activists, scholars, and policymakers in the developing world, for example, increasingly use the tools of environmental justice to link concerns over social justice and environmental well-being. Environmental Justice in Latin America investigates the emergence of a distinctively Latin American environmental justice movement, offering analyses and case studies that examine both the promise and the limits of environmental justice in Latin America and the Caribbean -- both as a rallying point for popular mobilization and as a set of principles for analysis and policymaking. After considering such conceptual issues as the connection between environmental conditions and race, trade, and social justice, the book presents a series of case studies. These studies focus first on industrial development, examining such topics as social tension over "megadevelopment" projects in Argentina and the concentrated industrial waste hazards of the export assembly plants on the U.S.-Mexico border, and then on the power and politics involved in land and resource use. Other chapters explore ecotourism, inequitable land distribution in Brazil, the ongoing struggle for justice and accountability over the former U.S. Navy bombing range in Vieques, Puerto Rico, and water policy in Chile, Bolivia, and Mexico. Taken together, the analyses and case studies suggest that environmental justice -- which highlights both broader issues of global injustice and local concerns -- holds tremendous promise as a way to understand and address environmental inequities in Latin America and elsewhere. Contributors Henri Acselrad, David V. Carruthers, Jordi Dez, Katherine T. McCaffrey, Sarah A. Moore, Peter Newell, Tom Perreault, Carlos Reboratti, Reyes Rodriguez, Juanita Sundberg, Stefanie Wickstrom, Wendy Wolford, Michele Zebich-Knos.

Finally, a reader on environmental justice in Latin America! This volume brings together fascinating cases from across the region on a range of environmental issues, written by leading experts in the field. Best of all, the work thoughtfully documents and conceptualizes the long history of struggles and injustices in the region which were never called 'environmental justice.' Where the phrase is being adopted, the authors describe how it is also being adapted, transformed, and re-born. This will be required reading in my courses, and I believe it will be pivotal in advancing international discussion on the issue. (J. Timmons Roberts, Professor of Sociology, and Interim Director, Environmental Science and Policy, The College of William and Mary) About the Author David V. Carruthers is Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at San Diego State University.