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


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 perception of a class or cultural divide playing?
- What strategies were effective for mitigating these challenges?

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 transcends economistic views? How did it develop?
Thanks and Welcome