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Critical Approaches for Media & Climate Activism

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A Sud

Alessia Tisci is an activist and Junior Project Manager for the association A Sud. She holds a Master's Degree in International Relations and Global Security with a thesis in international environmental law focused on climate litigation. For A Sud, she collaborates with the "Giudizio Universale" campaign, which represents the first Italian climate litigation case, and with other projects related to environmental law, climate justice and human rights issues.

Barbara Dombrowski

Climate art in public spaces

For the last 10 years Barbara Dombrowski has dedicated her work to places affected by climate change. She focused on five relevant and specific climate localities on every continent and their indigenous population: Achuar in Ecuador, Inuit in East Greenland, mongolian Nomads in Desert Gobi, Maasai in the Republic of Tansania and Micronesians in Kiribati. Man-made climate change is not only a massive threat to nature, ecosystems and biodiversity, but above all, to people themselves. This is the main theme of the project. After portraying the peoples and landscapes, Barbara brought their pictures in spectacular photo-art-installations in the Amazonia, Greenland and in and around the Hambach Forest, on the apron of the open-cast lignite mine, together. By combining the people, Barbara builds a bridge between them, their regions and cultures and shows that everything is interwoven.

Christina Kefala

p-consulting

Christina Kefala is a graduate of the Department of English Language and Literature at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. With many years of experience as an English teacher, she has helped dozens of students achieve language proficiency certifications. Her professional driving force is continuous development, which is why she has attended seminars on Special Education and teaching individuals with learning difficulties, staying up-to-date with new teaching methods. Her determination to achieve the best possible results makes her always willing to help wherever needed, while also contributing to the creation of a positive and relaxed atmosphere when circumstances require it. She believes in the power of encouragement and teamwork to achieve any goal. She joined the p-consulting.gr team full of enthusiasm, eager to utilize her existing knowledge and grow through new experiences and challenges.

Ecologistes en Acció

Ecologistes en Acció de Catalunya works to defend the environment and promote climate justice from a social-ecology perspective, linking environmental challenges to current economic and social systems. Its work covers areas such as biodiversity protection, agroecology, eco-feminism, degrowth, and public awareness, while denouncing policies or projects that harm the environment or generate environmental injustice.

Edu Ponces

Ruido Photo

Edu Ponces studied photography and photojournalism at the Institut d'Estudis Fotogràfics de Catalunya (IEFC). He has devoted much of his professional life to exploring two main themes: migration and social violence. He works at Ruido Photo. One of RUIDO Photo's latest projects is PRIMARY – On the Front Line of Deforestation, a documentary-photography series addressing deforestation and its human and ecological impacts. The collective has actively engaged with the climate crisis in initiatives such as Photojournalism and Climate Crisis Webinar (2023), where two of its photojournalists shared their experience in planning, producing, and distributing a documentary project centered on climate change. Through a combination of photography, participatory workshops, exhibitions and other formats, RUIDO Photo continues to explore environmental degradation, environmental justice, and the intersection between ecological crisis and social issues globally.

Erasmus Palazzotto

Arci, Protection Hub

Erasmus Palazzotto has been working for years on human rights, migration, and civic space. He works for the Italian NGO ARCI. He was a member of parliament and president of the Giulio Regeni Commission of Inquiry. He founded the NGO Mediterranea, which rescues migrants at sea, and is currently head of TOM Tutti gli occhi sul Mediterraneo (All Eyes on the Mediterranean) project and coordinates the program on civic space and criminalization in Italy for ARCI.

Fabio Massimo Lo Verde

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Fabio Massimo Lo Verde is a member of the Department of Economic, Business and Statistical Sciences at the University of Palermo, where he teaches Sociology, Social Research Methodology, and Sociology of Consumption and Lifestyles. He is a member of the Centre for Sustainability and Ecological Transition of the University of Palermo and of the University Centre "Migrare". He is a member of the Board of Research Committee 13 - Sociology of Leisure - of the International Sociological Association and of RN 05 Sociology of Consumption - and RN21 - Quantitative Method of the European Sociological Association.

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Filippo Garelli

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Filippo Garelli holds a PhD in Public, Comparative and International Law from Sapienza University of Rome and works as a policy advisor for the association A Sud. His work focuses on the intersection between international law, climate law and human rights.

Francesco Martone

In Difesa di Network

Francesco Martone is currently spokesperson for the network "In Difesa Di" and president of the International Tribunal for the Rights of Nature. He is an associate member of the Transnational Institute and founding member of Greenpeace Italy, he has worked for years as a policy advisor for indigenous peoples' organisations on climate and rights issues, and was the creator of the Zero Tolerance Initiative, a global network for the protection of defenders of the earth and the rights of indigenous peoples. Twice elected Senator of the Republic (2001-2008), he was a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and secretary of the Human Rights Committee, and is co-founder of the artistic platform A4C-artsforthecommons.

Giulia Torta

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Dr. Giulia Torta graduated in Law from the University of Bologna and earned a II-level Master's degree from Sapienza University of Rome, followed by a specialization diploma in Legal Professions from LUMSA University. She obtained her Ph.D. in Human Rights: Evolution, Protection and Limits at the University of Palermo and later completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the Federal University of Paraná (Brazil), where she conducted research on water protection and environmental governance. Dr. Torta is currently a Research Fellow in Administrative Law at the Department of Law of the University of Palermo and a qualified lawyer at the Bar of Palermo. Her research focuses on administrative and environmental law, with particular attention to land use and planning, urban development, and the role of public administration in environmental protection and cultural heritage preservation. She teaches Environmental Law, Land Use and Planning Law, and Protection of Cultural Heritage at the University of Palermo.

Irene Baños

journalist and science communicator specialized in the environment and climate change

Irene Baños is a journalist and science communicator specialized in the environment and climate change. Her current main areas of work include analyzing and improving media coverage of the climate and ecological crisis, as well as the emotions it triggers. She collaborates and provides consultancy to media outlets and institutions internationally to promote environmental and climate communication. She is the author of the book *Ecoansias* (Ariel, 2020) and co-author of the books *Accionistas del Cambio* (BoldLetters, 2022) and *Che cosa è la bioeconomia* (Edizioni Ambiente, 2019).

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Irene De Marco

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Irene De Marco is an activist and social media manager for the association A Sud, where she deals with political communication on the climate crisis, eco-feminism and environmental conflicts. She supports collectives, local committees and movements for social and environmental justice, both in communication work and in activism in the field. She contributes to the association's projects on fossil-free culture, environmental education and community advocacy.

Javier Luque

International Press Institute

Javier Luque oversees International Press Institute's digital media output and spearheads its efforts to combat online attacks and disinformation campaigns targeting journalists. His work includes analysis, training, and research into such attacks, as well as investigative projects. His research has been cited by news outlets such as The Guardian, The British Journalism Review, and Bloomberg News. In 2018, he directed A Dark Place, his third documentary film. Additionally, he has consulted for the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media on the Safety of Female Journalists Online initiative. Before joining IPI, Javier worked as a broadcast and multimedia journalist for both local and international news organizations.

Jordi Jaria

Universitat Rovira i Virgili

Jordi Jaria is a Serra Húnter Associate Professor of Constitutional and Environmental Law at Universitat Rovira i Virgili (Tarragona, Spain), and a senior researcher at the Centre for Environmental Law Studies of Tarragona (CEDAT), the Territory, Citizenship and Sustainability Research Group (funded by the Generalitat de Catalunya, reference 2021 SGR 00162), and the University Research Institute on Sustainability, Climate Change and Energy Transition (IU-RESCAT).

Judit Alonso

Association of Environmental Information Journalists
and Association of Journalists of Catalonia

Judit Alonso is a freelance journalist. Since 2016, she has been working on issues related to the environment and the climate crisis in Latin America, mainly for the Spanish website of the international German broadcaster Deutsche Welle. As part of her personal mission to increase and improve media coverage of the climate crisis, she is a member of the board of the Association of Environmental Information Journalists (APIA) and co-founder of the Environmental Journalism Group of the Association of Journalists of Catalonia.

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Lluís de Nadal

University of Glasgow

Lluís de Nadal is Lecturer in Media, Culture and Society at the University of Glasgow, where he co-leads the Interdisciplinary Research Network on Information Integrity. His research examines the role of misinformation in growing resistance to climate action, with particular attention to the conditions that make communities vulnerable and receptive to misinformation. He collaborates with third-sector organisations to develop counter-misinformation strategies that place listening and empathy at the centre.

Marica Di Pierri

Università di Palermo

Researcher, journalist and climate justice activist, she holds an international PhD in Human Rights with a focus on climate change and human rights and is a researcher at the University of Palermo. Author of articles and essays and co-author of several publications, she collaborates with newspapers, magazines, news portals, and radio and television stations.

Nicola Gullo

Università di Palermo

Prof. Nicola Gullo is Full Professor of Administrative Law at the University of Palermo. His research and teaching focus on administrative law, environmental law, and land-use governance, with particular attention to the protection of ecosystems and the sustainable management of natural resources. He teaches in the Department of Law and in other scientific departments of the University. Over the years, he has provided consultancy to several national and regional public institutions on environmental governance and sustainability policies. Within the University's Centre for Sustainability and Ecological Transition, he is responsible for Goal 16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. He also serves as Scientific Director and Coordinator of the second-level Master's Programme in Law and Techniques of Ecological Transition, jointly organized by the Departments of Law and Engineering.

Sielke Kelner

Osservatorio Balcani e Caucaso Transeuropa - CASE Europe

Sielke Kelner is an OBCT researcher and advocacy officer working within the Media Freedom Rapid Response and coordinating CASE Italia, the Italian anti-SLAPP working group. She holds a PhD from the Geneva Graduate Institute, and she completed her postdoc at Leiden University. Her research interests include Central and Eastern Europe, and the role of transnational actors in promoting democratic processes and human rights. She also writes about the impact of migration.

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Unai Reglero and Gabriela Córdoba Vivas

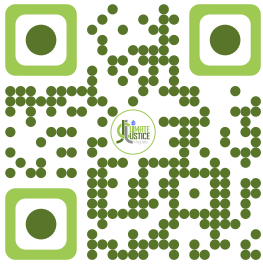
CaldodeCultivo

CaldodeCultivo is an interdisciplinary art collective founded in 2005 by visual artist Unai Reglero and media-studies scholar Gabriela Córdoba Vivas. Over the years, they have developed context-specific projects in various cities across the Americas and Europe, seeking to strengthen struggles of resistance. In recent times, their practice has focused on unraveling and combating the fascist narratives that colonize our present. Gabriela holds a PhD in Media Study and Unai holds a Master of Fine Arts (MFA), both from the State University of New York at Buffalo, where they have also taught.

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