

AI ethics for the majority world: the question of **violence at scale**

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1. Coloniality/Modernity

colonialism

extractivism

dispossession

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Oxford English Dictionary

ex·tract

verb

/ik' strakt/

Late Middle English: from Latin extract- 'drawn out', from the verb extra- here, from ex- 'out' + trahere 'draw'.

Remove or take out, especially by effort or force.

Obtain (something such as money or an admission) from someone in the face of initial unwillingness.

The **extractivist** logic is **inextricably** linked to **colonialism**, **capitalism** and other configurations of **modernity**, and its **various modes of violence** are associated with different spheres.

Durante, F., Kröger, M., & LaFleur, W. (2021). Extraction and extractivisms.
In Shapiro, J., & McNeish, J. A. Our extractive age: Expressions of violence and resistance. Taylor & Francis.

The colony marked the beginning of the contemporary **extractivist process in Abya Yala.**

This process was legitimized by the **racial superiority of the colonizers, which translated into **knowledge hegemony**.**

Ricaurte, P. (2022). The extractive reason.

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Globalization as a narrative of the
universal character of modernity,
drove extractivism at scale.

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Modernity becomes the
desirable outcome of society.

Imaginaries of the world
that reinforce the idea of the
greatness of the **North**.

Metaphors that contribute
to the idea of **inferiority** of
the **South**.

Valid knowledge

Valid language

Valid centers of
knowledge production

Development associated
with economic growth and
unlimited consumption

Rich countries

vs

poor countries

*It is a myth of the West's choosing: **perpetual economic growth**, advancing through a digestive system of sorts, one that uses technology as one of its core components. In its churn, **ecosystems became goods; people, mere consumers**. The myth turned the world into a place **increasingly inhospitable** to **human life**.*

(Yásnaya Aguilar, 2020)

<https://restofworld.org/2020/saving-the-world-through-tequiology/>

II. The coloniality of technology and data

Late capitalism, in permanent reconfiguration and reinvention, has **expanded** the **frontiers of extractivism**, making it a more complex and pervasive process.

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The **extractive logic** seeks to **grab** the spheres that are essential for **sustaining life**.

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III. AI ethics for the majority world

How can we address the **ethical**
challenges of **AI**?

AI is a matter of power.

**Ricaurte, P. (2022). Artificial Intelligence and the Feminist Decolonial Imagination.
<https://botpopuli.net/artificial-intelligence-and-the-feminist-decolonial-imagination/>**

Hegemonic AI generates global orders of classification that lead to epistemic, economic, social, cultural, racial, gender, and environmental inequality.

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Who's **bearing** the **costs**?

Territorial **occupation**
Water, land, air **pollution**
Displacement of communities
Labor **exploitation**
Poor **health**
Epistemic **injustice**
Infrastructural **inequality**
Data **extractivism**
Undermined **democracy**
Death

IV. Tequiologies

Tequio, minga, mutirão

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Comunal work to achieve a goal

Technology as tequio; technological creation and innovation as a common good. A kind of open-source software we can all participate in, just as we have participated in the construction of our lives as the colonized peoples of this continent, resisting genocide and extinction. In the face of our current global climate emergency, we need to foster forms of technological development that emphasize living with dignity, not infinite economic growth as an end in itself. We must focus on technologies based on collaborative labor more than on competition. As peoples of Abya Yala, we've experienced in this strategy, which I call tequiology. If the world were to listen to the people of Abya Yala and adopt this new tequiological vision, we could perhaps escape the digestive system that so threatens our world's climate and endangers human life.

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