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Ecology, governance, and discord in the Carpathians

Coming from a social anthropologist, the paper is dedicated to the contemporary cross-level conflict over environmental matters in the Carpathians. It is based on a study of the environmental governance in the region. Using the structural constructivist and postcolonialist interpretative framework, the research was conducted through anthropological fieldwork, interviews, and document analysis with the aim of, among other outcomes, mapping the respective institutional landscape, exploring the decision-making practices, and evincing the key points of controversy. Thus, the paper will summarize the case details (i.e. the local and international actors involved; structural, policy, and dynamic aspects) as well as tackle the methodological questions (e.g. affordances theory, network analysis) – to reach out to the wider problematique of conditions of policy convergence between the Left and Right, waterfall collaboration, and democracy in Eastern Europe.