

Marketing Mega-Projects through Discourse, Framing and Rhetoric

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Abstract del seminario

Large infrastructure schemes have become part of our landscape. Their controversial nature often requires elaborate justifications including the use of intangible benefits. Yet, to date, few studies have systematically addressed the following questions: to what extent, by whom, and in what ways intangible benefits are used as a strategic tool when it comes to justifying contested mega-projects? The seminar examines the use of different types of arguments in mega-project justification, with a focus on the peace dividend, security, urgency and geopolitics as a political intangible benefit.

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