

LEARNING CENTRE @ CSD-19

Conference Room B

Tuesday, 3 May 2011
3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Mining Industry in XXI: Assessing Sustainability, Global and National Governance, and Participation of Local Communities

Sponsor: Columbia University

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Synopsis:

The course will discuss key challenges in the sustainability of mining industry in the 21st century, illustrated by practical examples from the mining governance in Brazil. The course is divided in three parts:

- 1) The first part will concentrate on global governance, with a focus on the development of indicators for assessing sustainability, the role of regulatory laws and public/private institutional arrangements.
- 2) The second part will cover regulatory and institutional aspects of environmental national law, tax law and royalty policy. This part will also discuss the role of institutions as incentives to improve the capability of business to add value to social and environmental standards.
- 3) The third part will focus on building local capacity for effective engagement with powerful trans-national corporations and national governments, among other relevant topics for local communities.