

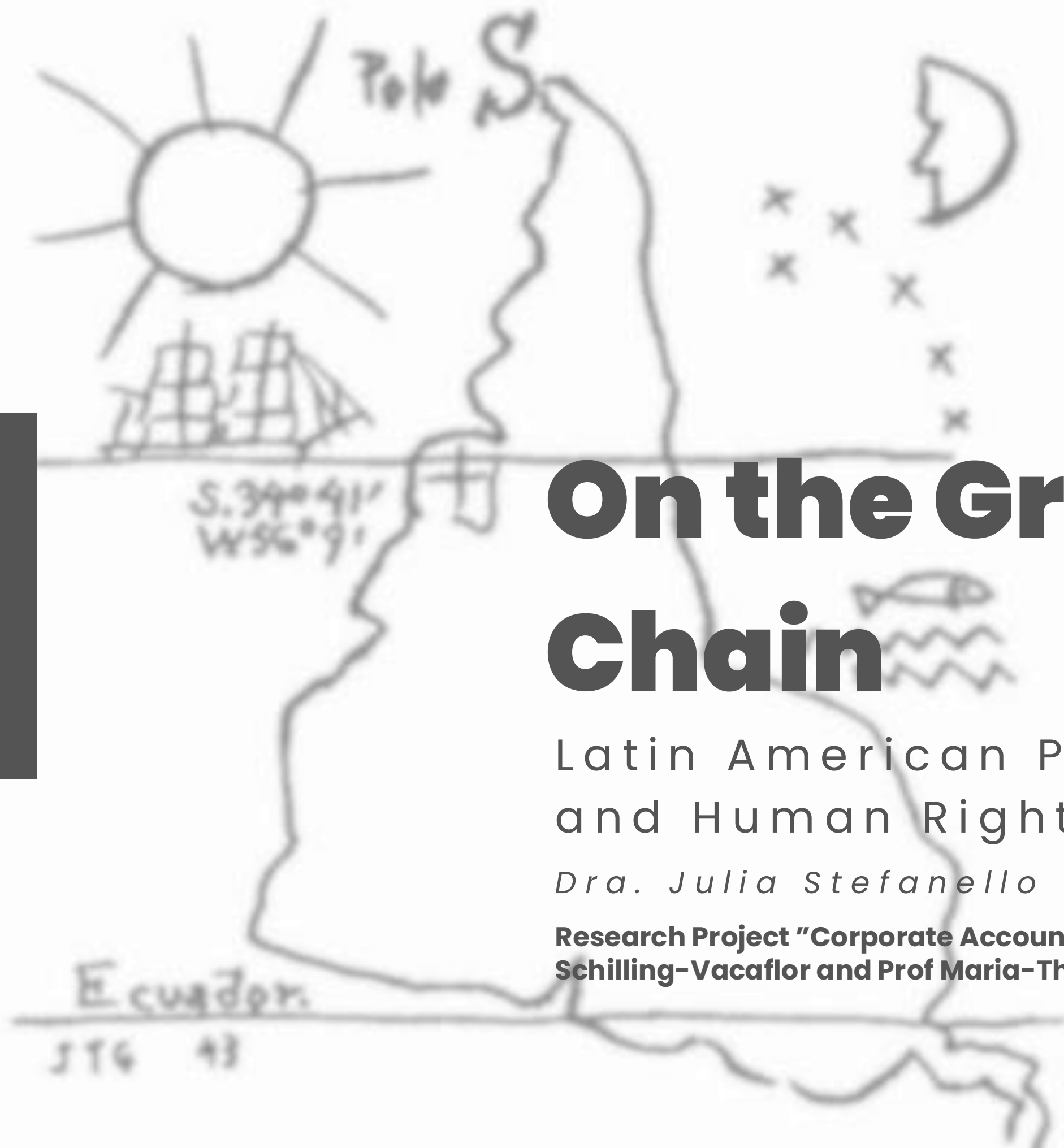


On the Ground and in the Chain

Latin American Perspectives on Environmental
and Human Rights Due Diligence

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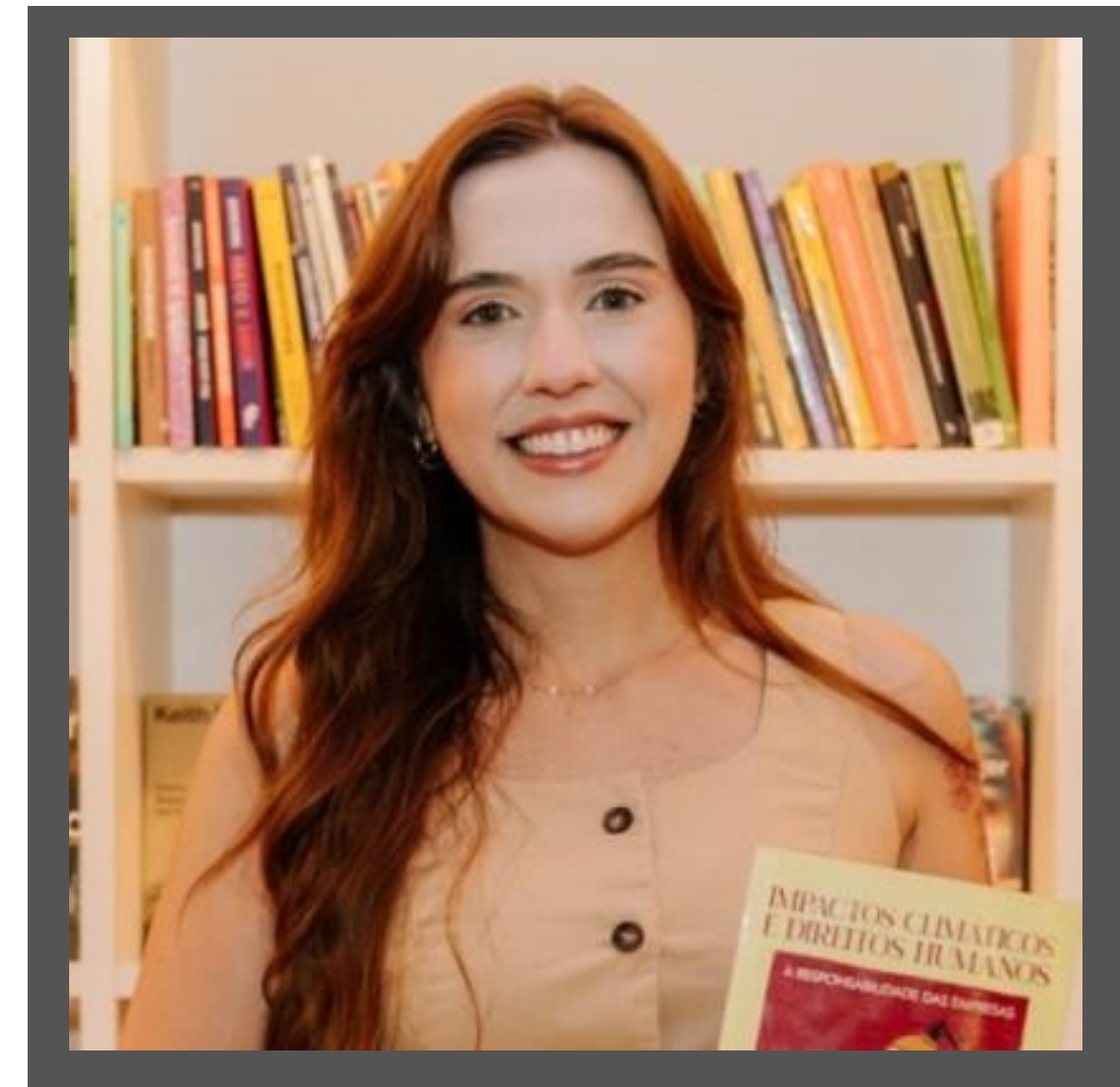
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Research Design

Our project

Comparative analysis along 2 dimensions:

1. *Stage in the supply chain: Companies at different stages of the supply chain (downstream manufactures and upstream mining companies)*
2. *Domestic context conditions: Comparative analysis of CRM supply chains in Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Peru to analyze how quality of governance and strength of civil society organizations shape the practices and contestations around HREDD*

Analysis based on fieldwork on both sides of the supply chain, document analysis, qualitative interviews, and stakeholder workshops in the four producing countries



National Contexts and the Integration of International Standards

Global Standards, Local Realities:

Opportunities and Challenges in Latin America

Opportunities



Regulatory harmonization

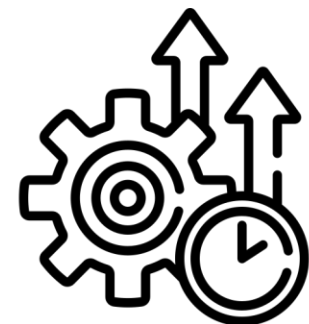


Strengthened governance in
environmental and human
rights matters



Attraction of responsible
investment

Challenges



Pressure for greater
productivity and expansion
of mining activities



"Race to the bottom"

Global Standards, Local Realities:

HREDD in Latin America

International Standards in Regional Contexts

- Application of global norms within the Latin American context
- Local interpretations and adaptations of international frameworks
- Inter-American Human Rights System

Country-specific characteristics (strengthen or weaken the HREDD)

- Influence of local legal traditions
- Institutional capacities and constraints
- Socio-political dynamics shaping implementation



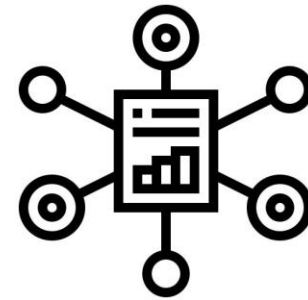
Business perspective and Accountability in Global Supply Chains

Corporate Accountability in Practice

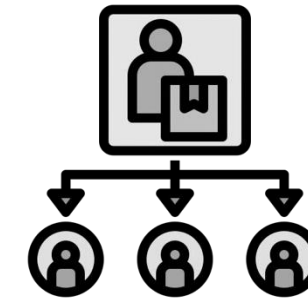
Key Corporate Challenges



Distinct governance structures



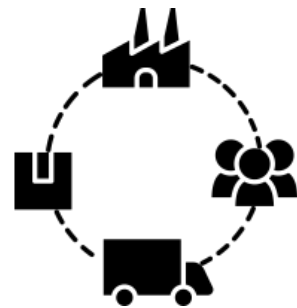
Divergences in policy frameworks and strategic approaches



Large number of suppliers



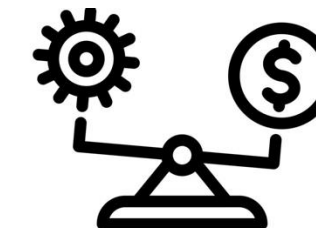
Implementation often restricted to SAQs (Self-Assessment Questionnaires), audits, and certifications



Ensuring traceability across complex and fragmented supply chains



Strong focus on certification processes



Leverage and compliance issues in mining sector



Local Voices: the Role of Civil Society and Affected Communities

Ground-Level Approaches to Inclusion and Accountability

Approaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Multi-stakeholder platforms for dialogue and accountability○ Local consultations incorporating gender and intersectional perspectives○ Participatory monitoring mechanisms○ Application of FPIC (Free, Prior, and Informed Consent), emphasizing the state's role in safeguarding human rights
Perspectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Promoting inclusion in due diligence processes○ Integrating gender, indigenous, and intersectional viewpoints to strengthen legitimacy and equity



Forthcoming Stages of Our Project

Future work:

Comparative case studies in Latin America

- Five months of fieldwork in Argentina and Chile (2026)
- Workshop to test the results (2027)





Obrigada!
Thank you!

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