

ABSTRACT

Understanding the Palm Oil Industry Through Ecofeminism

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This study is essentially proposing an alternative into looking at development through the case study of the palm oil industry. Palm oil is an increasingly important commodity as it is used in many of the household goods nowadays. Due to its popularity, forests are cut down to make way for new plantations. This becomes problematic as the high rate of deforestation is affecting not only flora and fauna but also human lives. Indigenous people are displaced from their ancestral lands to make way for palm oil plantations. With the rate of development done today and the destructive practices, it is questionable how nature can further support the continuation of life for years to come. Through the theory of ecofeminism, the current mainstream way of engaging in development is criticized. It is found that there are ways to engage in development in a more sustainable and non-harmful ways. Which are highlighted through the discourses of the theory of ecofeminism.