

The accusations of sexual harassment and intellectual extractivism made public through different media, involving professors and researchers within Portuguese academia, call for a reflection about the prevailing, implicit power structures that perpetuate inequality and lead to different kinds of abuse.

As a research group composed of several people who hail from the “global south,” the majority of whom are women, working with Indigenous and other traditional communities from the Amazon in several countries, the ECO project team condemns all acts of harassment and violence based on gender, sexual orientation, class, nationality or ethnicity. We reiterate our political and intellectual commitment to the elimination of forms of institutional organization that make such acts possible.

The ECO team supports all victims of harassment and coercion and strives to implement a democratic work environment, grounded on a free intellectual exchange and on the valorization of academic contributions by colleagues from all origins and in different stages of their careers.

