



Master thesis topic:

## **Climate Activism as an Anti-Geopolitical Practice**

Anti-geopolitics, according to Paul Routledge (2003, 236), “can be conceived as an ethical, political, and cultural force within civil society ... that challenges the notion that the interests of the state’s political class are identical to the community’s interests.” It is to Routledge a counter-hegemonic struggle, if hegemony is defined as the current neoliberal, capitalist economy. Anti-geopolitics involves various practices of activism and dissident intellectual strategies that often blur the boundaries between research and practice. These social movements challenge the elite international institutions and global structures of domination. In this master thesis, students who are or have been involved in the broad field of climate activism will critically reflect upon this social movement, starting from their own practices and experiences as activists. The thesis will analyse the various discourses, tactics and strategies that climate activists have deployed to forge alliances across places and organisations, to stage and upscale their protests, to challenge dominant discourses, and to attract media attention. The thesis will conduct interviews with activists, and review media reports about actions and protests staged by the movement, and select one case study of a particular movement or event for in-depth study.

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