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Array representing the Mayan Cross. Photo by the CCDA.

Indigenous Campesino Resistance: A Researcher's Dilemma

Can a researcher also be an advocate, or even an activist? I reflect on the time I spent working for an Indigenous Campesino organization in Guatemala, where successive governments have implemented laws and policies designed to exploit Campesino territories and labour. I examine the relational processes and challenges that arose in the course of my collaboration, and offer some thoughts on the methodology that emerged from this experience: accompaniment as method.

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