

PUTTING PLANTATION LIFE INTO PUBLIC DEBATE

Experiments in Research Translation

Oil palm plantation corporations occupy around a third of Indonesia's farmland, yet their role in transforming the countryside is virtually absent in public debate. City dwellers in Indonesia encounter oil palm mainly in the form of irritating smog from plantation land clearing. In the EU, environmental campaigns focus on forest loss and disappearing orangutan. A decade of field-based research in an oil-palm saturated zone of Kalimantan has provided me with a deeper understanding of how plantations work on the ground, but it remains a challenge to translate these findings into formats capable of disrupting received narratives and expanding the terrain of debate. In this talk I will present my experiments in translating research using written and graphic formats such as short articles, blogs, podcasts, videos and cartoons. **X** Language : English



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