

**HOW TO CONSTRUCT THE ALTERNATIVE TO CAPITALISM?  
DISCOVERING THE COMMONS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE  
MOVEMENTS IN THE SOUTH**

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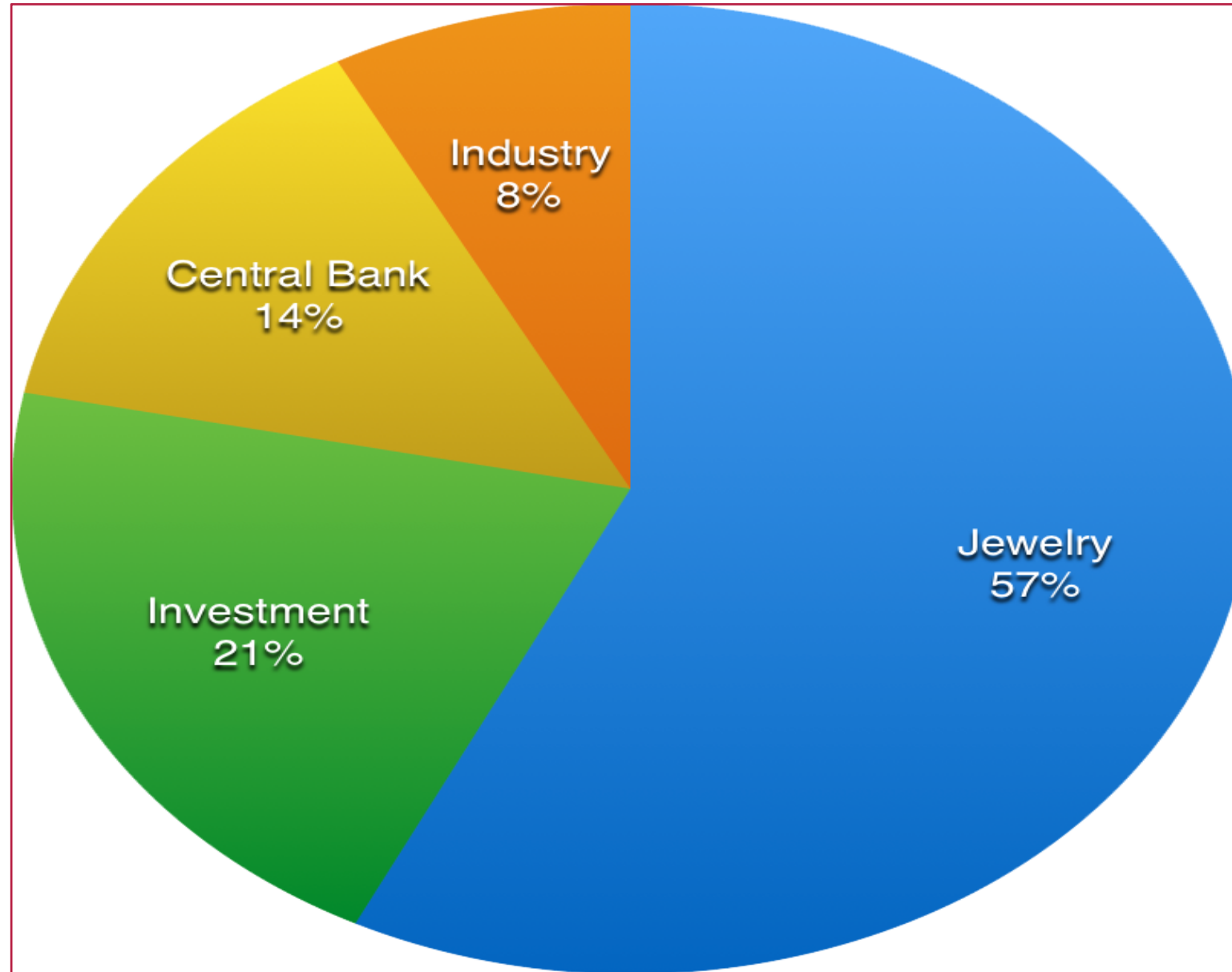
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- **PURPOSE:** Empower the link between the de-growth paradigm and the local environmental justice movements
- **QUESTION:** What are the protestors' demands and visions about an alternative world design in environmental justice movements in the South?
- **CASE STUDIES:** Bergama and Artvin Protests in Turkey

# METHODOLOGY

- Comparative Case Study
- Most different comparative design
- Qualitative Methods: Semi-structured interviews, news analysis, text analysis
- Field trips: Artvin (July 2016), Bergama (August 2016), Izmir (July 2016)

# USE OF GOLD IN 2016





# BERGAMA MOVEMENT

- Company: EUROGOLD (initially), KOZAGOLD (now)
- Location: North of Izmir, Western Turkey
- Fertile agricultural lands: Potential for agroeconomy
- Aegean city of Pergamon: Vast tourism potential
- State of council + 2 ECHR decisions
- Struggle starts in 1989, operations in 2005
- Mine still in operation



# DEMANDS & DISCOURSES

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- HEALTH AFFECTS
- LIVELIHOOD DESTRUCTION
- RULE OF LAW AND DEMOCRACY
- AGAINST IMPERIALISM
- ECOLOGICAL DESTRUCTION

# ARTVIN MOVEMENT

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- Company: Cominco (initially), Etibakir (now)
- Location: North-east of Turkey, top on Coruh River
- Very rich in biodiversity
- Vast forest and mountain ecotourism potential
- Huge potential in honey-making
- Over 20 years of protest
- 245 days watch over Cerattepe in 2016
- Mine is not operational



# DEMANDS & DISCOURSES

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- HEALTH AFFECTS
- LANDSLIDE LIKELIHOOD
- LIVELIHOOD DESTRUCTION
- TOURISM POTENTIAL DESTRUCTION
- ECOLOGICAL DESTRUCTION



# COMPARISON

	Bergama movement	Artvin movement
Demands and discourses	<p>Closure of the mining operations due to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Health, "cyanide"</li> <li>2. Economic livelihood</li> <li>3. Rule of law and democracy</li> <li>4. FDI and imperialism</li> <li>5. Ecology</li> </ol>	<p>Closure of the mining operations due to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Health, water containment</li> <li>2. Health, landslide</li> <li>3. Economic livelihood</li> <li>4. Tourism, economic livelihood potential</li> <li>5. Ecology, biodiversity</li> </ol>
Alternative development visions and projects	None	Solar panel at top of the movement cottage but larger visions inexistent

# RECOMMENDATIONS

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- Urgent need for constructing an alternative world-vision
- Counter-advertisement about what is “better” what is “cool”
- Strong network among local promoters of this new vision
- Stronger coordination among us
- Identification of sectors that needs to de-grow
- Inclusion of gold mining among them



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