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invite you to a public talk by

Shalmali Guttal

Social Justice Activist, Researcher & 2015 IWL Visiting Global Associate





Shalmali Guttal is the Coordinator of the Defending the Commons Programme at Focus on the Global South (Focus) in Bangkok, Thailand. Since 1991, she has been researching and writing on economic development, trade-investment, and ecological and social justice issues in Asia – especially the Mekong region and India - with emphasis on local peoples' and women's rights.

Focus' Commons Programme seeks to strengthen efforts by social movements, local and national civil society, legislators, and policy makers to stop the privatization and commodification of the commons and build alternative systems of use and governance.

Focus is committed to ecological and climate justice, food sovereignty, and securing land and resource rights for local communities. In addition to research and writing, Shalmali organizes educational programs for students, civil society organizations, policymakers and representatives of local communities, municipal boards and other public bodies on economic policy, investment, food and land rights, and climate justice. Shalmali has also been working with social movements and civil society actors to develop campaigns linking human rights with trade, investment and development issues.

"Knowledge for Resistance"

Wednesday, April 15, 2015 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

160 Ryders Lane • 1st Floor Conference Room
Douglass Campus • Rutgers University
(take the EE and get off at the Henderson stop)

Lunch will be served. Please, RSVP at <u>rsvp@cwgl.rutgers.edu</u> by Monday, April 13th

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