

*Plundering the Commons:*

*Extraction and Commodification of Beach Pebbles in Mexico for US Markets in the Age of Climate Change*



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Driven by the demand for environmentally friendly materials and “aesthetic” landscapes in the United States, there has been an increase in the extraction of beach pebbles in Mexico. The extraction of beach pebbles is the main source of income for many indigenous workers in Baja California, who constitute an army of invisible workers employed in precarious conditions in remote locations. Zolniski will examine these new forms of labor precarity that have emerged along with the expansion of extractive industries.