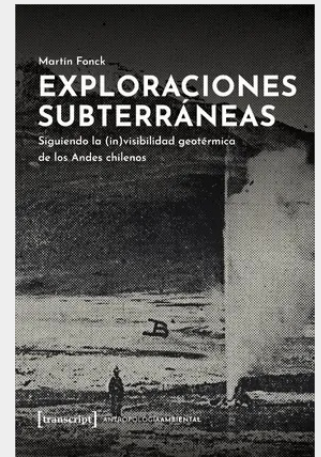


Exploraciones subterráneas

Siguiendo la (in)visibilidad geotérmica de los Andes chilenos

Los fenómenos geológicos tienen una fuerte presencia visual en el paisaje de los Andes chilenos. Volcanes, aguas termales, terremotos y géiseres son fruto de una activa geología. Desde principios del siglo XX, ingenieros y geólogos comenzaron a imaginar transformar en electricidad el calor de los reservorios de agua subterránea. Sin embargo, su uso como energía eléctrica a una escala nacional ha sido una promesa inconclusa. Inspirado por la antropología de la energía e infraestructuras, Martín Fonck indaga etnográficamente en las promesas de la energía geotérmica y su abandono en los Andes chilenos.

1. Why did you choose this topic? In this book, I was interested in exploring from an ethnographic perspective the abandonment and re-emergence of "future technologies" in Latin America, specifically in Chile. In this regard, geothermal energy offers an interesting case to explore imagined futures, their abandonment, and reconfigurations. 2. What new perspectives does your book offer? From the beginning of the twentieth century in the Atacama Desert, scientific groups started imagining transforming the heat of underground hot water reservoirs into electricity. However, the use of geothermal energy at a national scale has been an unfinished promise in Chilean. Inspired by emerging discussions in the anthropology of energy and infrastructures, this book inquires ethnographically into the promises of geothermal energy and its abandonment in the Chilean Andes. 3. What makes your topic relevant for current research debates? This book offers an in-depth ethnographic look at the relationship between energy, society and the future in Chile. This country has been described as a natural laboratory for renewable energies. However, less attention has been paid to how technologies and their future are imagined from this region. 4. Your book summary in one sentence: Ethnographic inquiry into the promises of geothermal energy in Chilean Andes.



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