MINING – SOCIETY RELATIONS IN FINLAND: from one big conflict case towards regional and responsible governance

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It is important to analyse and understand conflict situations in mining in order to improve operations, society relations and patterns of governance. When mining companies lose trust in the public media, it is very hard to get it back. Regional planning and wider stakeholder communication can offer some ways for improved governance of various conflicting interests. This presentation will analyse environmental disaster and conflict in the Talviara mine case and provide analysis on regional planning policies concerning the Kittilä mine in Finnish Lapland.

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