Global crises and local conflicts? Interactions and repositionings in land conflicts in Chile and Argentina

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Abstract:
Global crises and structural transformations are causing or aggravating local conflicts over land and other natural resources, especially in the global South. Due to intensifying global interdependencies and interconnections, the significance of such global developments for local conflicts will continue to increase. For this reason, it is important to analyse how global crises and superordinate structural influences become relevant for local actors in conflict contexts. This will enable a better understanding of land conflicts.

Based on the observation that in both Chile and Argentina (land) conflicts – involving parts of the indigenous Mapuche population and movement – are characterized by escalating conflict contexts, these two conflicts will be analysed comparatively. The fundamental research interest is a better understanding of both the selected (land) conflicts and how global dynamics and structural influences affect local conflicts. Therefore, the goal is a comparative analysis of the interactions between different actors in connection with global and structural influences. In this way, I want to identify the dynamics in the (land) conflicts that are responsible for the escalating conflict situations and the lack of social change in the sense of a comprehensive implementation of indigenous rights.