

# **Amazon rainforest beyond the satellite view: environmental protection, indigenous rights, and political controversies in Brazil**

## **Summary**

The aim of the chapter is to present a broad contextual perspective on the Amazon rainforest and the related political controversies, considering the tripartite nature of Brazil's branches of government in regard to the climate emergency in this territory. The authors propose a theoretical dive beyond a common-sense view that gazes at the region from above, with satellite images. Diverse political actors are brought to the discussion, such as the Consortium of Governors of the Legal Amazon Region and the indigenous populations. The text analyzes the in-betweens of dichotomies that are at stake in the Amazon, such as the transition from Bolsonaro's administration to Lula's, developmentalism vs. environmental preservation, and the demarcation of indigenous lands as a right to reparation vs. the institution of the so-called Temporal Landmark Law. Amidst multiple economic and environmental demands, debating environmental preservation must be closely related to climate justice and the historic struggle of indigenous peoples. Lastly, this report points to the living presence of coloniality and the need to closely monitor destructive measures threatening Brazilian biomes.

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