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**Hybrid governance in Congo’s large-scale gold mining concessions**

Eastern DRCongo is a post-conflict region, where transnational mining companies have only recently (re)started industrial exploration and production. Communities respond to this in fragmented ways, hesitating between high expectations (concerning jobs, infrastructure and community development) and fierce resistance (concerning land grabs, resettlement and loss of traditional livelihoods). In this paper I describe how companies, communities and governments ‘meet ‘each other in six possible spaces for local development (employment, subcontracting, socio-economic externalities, resettlement, CSR and redistribution of mining rents). These encounters may consist of collaboration and negotiation as well as conflict and resistance, depending on the type of community actors, the company’s policy, the political situation, the socio-economic context and the evolution of the mining project. The papers calls for more attention for expectations, inclusion and exclusion, and fragmentation at the community level.