

The Human Rights of the Traditional Peoples of the Colony of Côte d'Ivoire in the Face of Colonial Mining

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this communication is to probe the traditional and colonial past of Côte d'Ivoire in order to find the factors that have favored or, on the contrary, delayed the consideration of the human rights of populations in the legal framework governing mining activity in Côte d'Ivoire. This analysis is based on the premise that the implementation of mining in rural areas violates the human rights of communities. Indeed, populations pay a very high “social price” on a daily basis, ranging from the violation of their fundamental rights to the environmental destruction of their living environment. So, what was the place of human rights in colonial mining? was the legal framework accompanying the colonial mining activity effective in protecting the human rights of traditional peoples? It will therefore be a question for us, legal historians, of analyzing colonial history and confronting it with the present with a view to a better entrenchment of human rights in mining in Côte d'Ivoire.

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