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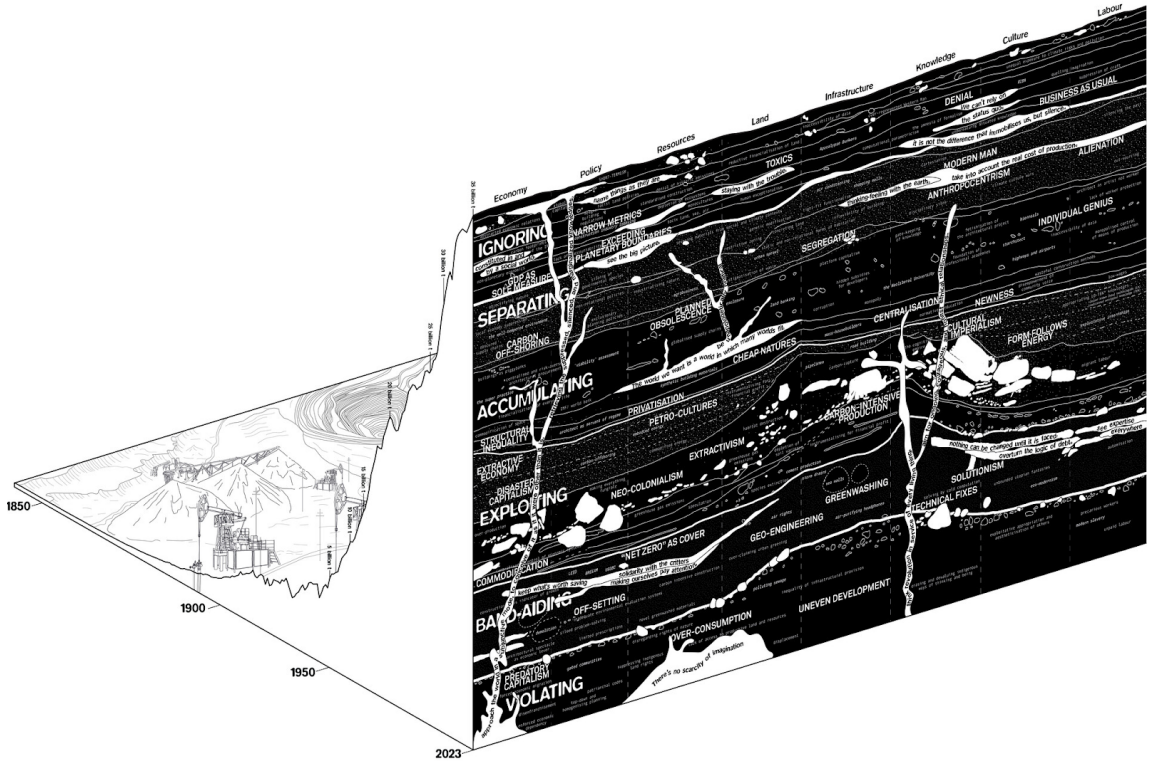

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48-318/48-618: Discourse in the Climate Emergency
Units: 3
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This course engages with emergent discourse in the climate emergency. It considers socio-ecological practices of resistance to the normative model of capitalist growth and extraction. If buildings consume vast resources and are embedded in extractive systems of material and labor, how can discourse be activated to consider other, more liberatory forms of praxis, those that acknowledge a global majority? The course will consider a discursive set of readings in architecture, ecology, anthropology, climate change, transitional justice, degrowth, and art to consider other ways of being and acting in the anthropocene. Students will also study diverse practices (architectural, art, activist and other) across the Global North and South that deploy tactics, strategies, manifestos, and actions to resist, upend, destabilize or reinvent normative mechanisms of architectural production. Considering a geographically diverse set of case studies, students will develop a broad understanding of agency as praxis in an age of fossil capital and climate action.