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**HUMAN RIGHTS IN DISPUTE: CORPORATIONS AND LATIN AMERICA**

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The multiplicity of cross-border economic, cultural, social and political nexuses in the last decades, usually condensed through the term "globalization", has raised the question of how to regulate such regional and global phenomena in a context in which the nation state remained the political unit central. In this sense, the critical analysis of human rights violations in Latin America related to the advance of international investments and transnational corporations, usually from countries of the Global North, reminds us of concepts such as colonialism and imperialism. In fact, private power remains poorly theorized and problematized by discipline, precisely when wealth concentration and corporate power have reached unprecedented levels in history.

Considering that the human rights discourse is in dispute, I aim to investigate how the concept of coloniality of power can contribute to the accountability of corporations for human rights violations in Latin America. To this, I propose to analyze the potentialities and limits of international law and human rights, based on the observation of the operational nuances of civil society in its impact on territories impacted by business activities. These observations, as well as the ethnography of fieldwork, suggest that we need to uncover the ways people think about the use of human rights in their daily lives.