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Carbon Trading: Solution to Climate Change or Corporate Resource Grab?

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Larry Lohmann, author and founding member of the Durban Group for Climate Justice, is sharing experiences in the U.S. concerning the failure of carbon trading in Europe, India, Brazil, Uganda, and elsewhere, and is learning more about U.S. carbon trading plans and climate politics. In 2004, the Durban Group convened in Durban, South Africa, to question the central role of carbon trading in official responses to the climate crisis. Since 1997, Lohmann has worked with the Corner House, a research and solidarity organization based in the UK (<http://www.thecornerhouse.org.uk>). During the 1980s, he lived and worked in Thailand, teaching and working with local environmental groups. Over 350,000 copies of his latest book, *Carbon Trading: A Critical Conversation on Climate Change, Privatization and Power* (2006) have been downloaded from the Internet. He is co-author of *Pulping the South: Industrial Tree Plantations and the Global Paper Economy* (1996) and *Whose Common Future? Reclaiming the Commons* (1993) and co-editor of the *Struggle for Land and the Fate of the Forests* (1993). His articles on globalization, racism, environmental conflict in Southeast Asia, and the discourses of population and neoclassical economics have appeared in journals such as *Science as Culture*, *New Scientist*, *Asian Survey*, *International Journal of Pollution and Environment*, *Development Dialogue*, *Red Pepper*, and *Watershed*, as well as in numerous scholarly books. Lohmann has received degrees from Cornell and Princeton and has been a visiting fellow at Yale University.