

Guaymi Autonomy in Cerro Colorado: Exerting
Land Rights, Cross-cultural relationships and
Government Influence on Copper Mining.

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Introduction of Project

- This research project focuses on the cross-cultural relationships between the Guaymí people, big mining companies and the Panamanian government, regarding the exploitation of copper in Cerro Colorado.
- This research is important to anthropology because it will go in depth about the Panamanian legal system, the ownership of mineral resources and of land rights.

Cerro Colorado (Panama)

The area I would like to research takes place in the mountainous region of Cerro Colorado in Panama, which is occupied by the native Ngabe Bugle (Guaymi) people. This is an area that has been regarded to be one of the largest copper reserves in the world and that has yet to be exploited.



Research Questions



- 1) How do Guaymí representatives exercise agency when negotiating with the Panamanian government and mining companies?
- 2) How do the Panamanian government and mining companies exercise power regarding Cerro Colorado?

Research Methods

- Participant observation
- Interviews
- Life stories
- Archives

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