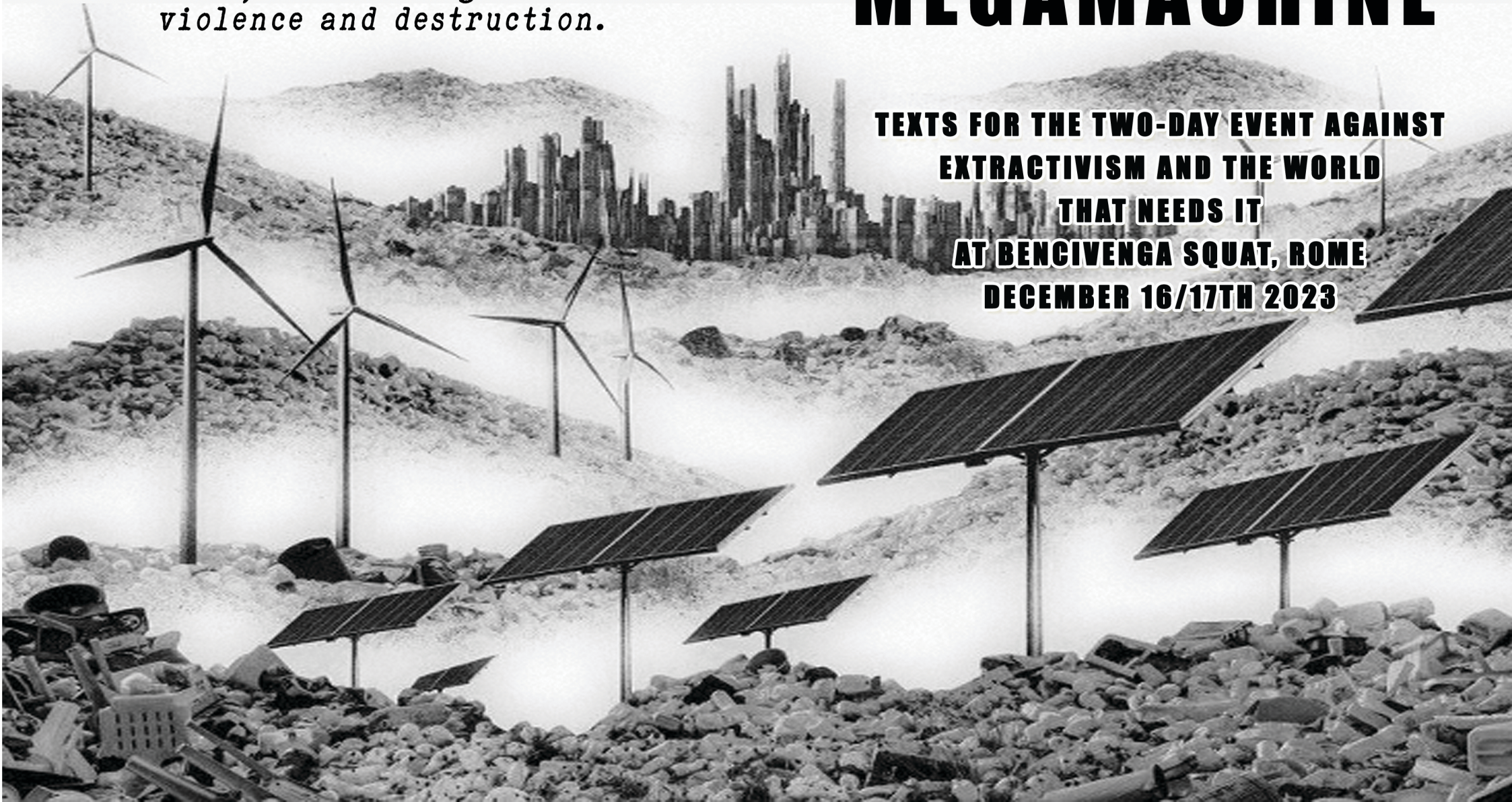


*Extractivism characterizes the modern era. We define it as a particular way of thinking and the properties and practices organized towards the goal of maximizing benefit through extraction, which brings in its wake violence and destruction.*

# THE DEVASTATING MEGAMACHINE

**TEXTS FOR THE TWO-DAY EVENT AGAINST  
EXTRACTIVISM AND THE WORLD  
THAT NEEDS IT  
AT BENCIVENGA SQUAT, ROME  
DECEMBER 16/17TH 2023**



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## Presentation of the event:

*This event is the result of the need to reflect on extractivism, an issue on the agenda in our part of the world because of the race for raw materials considered strategic for the maintenance and progress of capitalist domination. A development that, as we know, has for centuries plundered those areas of the world that are considered expendable, exploiting that humanity that is considered waste. This colonial mentality has led not only to the destruction of entire ecosystems and the lives of the people who inhabit them, in order to feed an economy (which today, with a good dose of hypocrisy, calls itself green) that would have us believe that it wants to remedy the climate disaster it has created, but also to its constant reproduction through ever new forms of economic subjugation.*

*Within the two-day event, we therefore feel it is important to begin with a historical and economic excursus on the concept of extractivism, in order to recognise its fundamental role in the survival of domination. We will then move on to the contradictions of the "ecological", energetic and technological/digital transition.*

*We will discuss the environmental, political and social impacts of extractivist corporations and their other obvious consequences, such as the militarisation of territories, repression and resource wars. We will then focus on examples of struggles and resistance against extractivist goals, and conclude with a reflection on what perspectives and methods of intervention we, as anarchists, would like to have in the struggle against extractivism.*

*We want the debates to be as horizontal as possible, so we don't want "experts" or passive spectators. Comrades from other realities dealing with the issue will intervene with the aim of exchange and confrontation, deepening our knowledge of the enemy to improve our ability to attack.*

*We cannot and will not remain passive in the face of this global catastrophe that seeks to destroy our lives.*

*We do not believe in its social peace.*

*Against State and capitalism*

*For total liberation.*

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