

# Mezopotamia Ecology Movement

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# WHY SOCIAL ECOLOGY

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- Defining environmental problems as ecological problems, seeing capitalism as the main source of ecological problems and defending the idea that the capitalist order should be abandoned completely,
- Since the search for solutions to ecological problems deals with the intertwined causes and effects with a holistic view, not by determining the negative effects one by one and eliminating the causes of them one by one,
- we are organized with the philosophy of social ecology, as it carries out the struggle for ecology together with labor, women and other social struggles without confining it to a local narrow-mindedness

# WHAT ARE WE DOING?

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- After the special war concept introduced after the 2016 coup and the lockdowns of the pandemic in 2019, we are trying to spread the organization efforts to every places.
- We are reorganizing assemblies and communes for the local self-organisation. For example: Diyarbakir, Mardin, Batman, Van etc.
- We take part in the ecology struggle of Turkey and the World as an active founding subject, based on a holistic struggle instead of single-problem-oriented approaches.
- We are fighting for the right of the cities alongside with other dynamics for the cities against neoliberal urbanization.
- We establish ecological units for natural farming, food sovereignty, and local seed collection and conservation.

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- We organize activities, workshops and symposiums to improve ecological awareness in the society.
- We prepare written and visual materials for the socialization of information about ecology and to produce scientific knowledge.
- We are establishing an ecology academy to discuss the philosophy of social ecology and to conduct scientific studies on ecology.
- We prepare on-site observation-investigation reports to create public opinion against ecological damage.
- Based on the idea that ecology and women's struggle cannot be separated from each other, we organize activities in partnership with women's struggle.

# OBJECTIVES - TARGETS

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- Establishing ecological units created for the reproduction and dissemination of local seeds in all localities,
- To carry everywhere the struggle for a world without war, and against the destruction of war on the environment,
- To be involved in peace efforts as an active party,
- To establish the people's climate movement together with people around the world, against climate change and ecological refugees,
- Developing sustainable projects in harmony with nature against the capitalist modernity's processing and commodification of land, water and air as it wishes,

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- Developing a total philosophy of life against the existing dominant system,
- Establishing communes and assemblies in streets, villages and neighborhoods in line with their lifestyles and needs and expanding these in order for communities and individuals to directly manage the areas they live in,
- To develop ecological citizenship in parliaments and communes,
- To establish an ecology academy for the development of ecological awareness, to publish multilingual magazines, to prepare TV and radio programs,
- To further develop our work in social media, websites, e-journals, taking into account today's software and hardware

# OBSTACLES - LIMITATIONS

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- Difficulty of defending ecology against the intense human rights violations caused by war,
- Difficulty of legal struggle due to the loss of the rule of law principle in Turkey,
- Action and event bans, state of emergency practices arising from the style of war introduced after 2016,
- Difficulty of access to areas where ecological destruction is experienced. Economic and transportation obstacles to military zones and special security zones,
- Decreased human resources due to pressure, force, detentions and arrests,

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- In the process of producing and distributing text-visual materials, with limited economic opportunities required for academic studies,
- Limited social and political support of the ecological struggle of Turkey and the World to the ecological struggle in Kurdistan,
- The ecological destruction in Kurdistan and the struggle against it are not adequately covered in the Turkish and world press,
- Suspension of the works that were prepared but had to be stopped due to the insufficient use of today's technological opportunities,
- Since ecological destruction is a part of the military/security strategy, illegalizing our work and targeting our struggle,