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EarthRights International

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BIG BOLD IDEA

Challenge environmental abuses in countries where few other organizations can safely operate by exposing and publicizing earth rights abuses through campaigns, reports and articles.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Earth rights are those rights that demonstrate the connection between human well-being and a sound environment — including the right to a healthy environment, the right to speak out and act to protect the environment, and the right to participate in development. Too many people in the world are denied those rights. Earth Rights International (ERI) is one of the only organizations to assemble on-the-ground information about the human rights and environmental situation inside the country. ERI runs various projects each of which is designed to promote and protect earth rights in different ways: by using the US or international legal system as a tool for change; by training and educating affected peoples so they become their own best advocates; by documenting, writing about, and publicizing abuses; by engaging international institutions in the struggle to censure earth rights abusers; and by strengthening networks and coalitions so that a united front against earth right violations can be provided.

PERSONAL BIO

Tyler Giannini joined the Human Rights Program at Harvard Law School in 2004 as a Clinical Advocacy Fellow. Previously, Tyler was co-director of EarthRights International (ERI), an organization at the forefront of efforts to link human rights and environmental protection. As a founder of ERI, Tyler spent the past decade in Thailand conducting investigative fact-finding efforts on human rights abuses in Burma and groundbreaking corporate accountability litigation. In particular, he was co-counsel in the landmark Doe v. Unocal litigation; the case sought to hold the corporation accountable for abuses surrounding the Yadana gas pipeline project in Burma, and was settled in early 2005. Tyler holds graduate degrees in law and foreign policy from the University of Virginia, where he was a member of the law review. He is a member of the Virginia State Bar, and has co-authored several major publications including Total Denial Continues: Earth Rights Abuses along the Yadana and Yetagun Pipelines in Burma.

Organization/Fellow Location

Cambridge, United States

Impact Location

Asia

Thailand

Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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