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## **Searching for Gold in the Highlands of Guatemala: Economic Benefits and Environmental Risks of the Marlin Mine**

**Presentation by co-author, Dr. Lyuba Zarkysy**

**Monday, October 31st, 2011**

**9:00-11:00 am**

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# Searching for Gold in the Highlands of Guatemala: Economic Benefits and Environmental Risks of the Marlin Mine

By Lyuba Zarsky and Leonardo Stanley

**Join the Global Development and Environment Institute for a presentation and discussion of the Marlin Mine in Guatemala, presented by Dr. Lyuba Zarsky.**

This report, written by economists [Lyuba Zarsky](#) and [Leonardo Stanley](#), examines the economic benefits and environmental risks of the Marlin mine in the Department of San Marcos, Guatemala, which is owned and operated by Goldcorp, a Canadian company. The mine has generated intense controversy since 2003, stemming from concerns about environmental contamination and violations of the rights of indigenous communities. The Inter American Commission on Human Rights recommended in 2010 that Goldcorp suspend mining operations until the Commission could rule on the merits of the petition submitted by the communities. The company claims it is complying with environmental and human rights standards and that the mine offers significant economic benefits, to Guatemala and to local communities.

To assess these claims, GDAE researchers examined the economic benefits of the Marlin mine and assessed short and long-term environmental risks. **The authors conclude that, overall, long-term environmental risks significantly outweigh the economic benefits of the mine.**

## Participants

**Lyuba Zarsky**, author of report, Senior Research Fellow, Global Development and Environment Institute and Associate Professor at the Monterrey Institute of International Studies

**Timothy A. Wise**, Director of the Research and Policy Program at the Global Development and Environment Institute

**Keith Slack**, Extractive Industries Program Manager, Oxfam America

**Dina Aloï**, Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility, Goldcorp

## Schedule

9:00 – 9:10 am	Introduction Moderator, Timothy A. Wise, Global Development and Environment Institute
9:10—9:50 am	Searching for Gold in the Highlands of Guatemala: Economic Benefits and Environmental Risks of the Marlin Mine Presentation by Dr. Lyuba Zarsky
9:50—10:00 am	Response from Goldcorp Dina Aloï, Vice President, Corporate Social Responsibility
10:00 – 10:30 am	Discussion Led by Keith Slack, Oxfam America
10:30—11:00 am	Question and Answer session

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