

# «Mining, Transnational Corporations and Local Population» [working title]

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## **CASE STUDIES**

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**C) Strategies for Research and Action.**

from action anthropology to current developments in action research.  
(*Germaine Françoise Spoerri, Thomas Niederberger*)

**CONCLUSION** (*editors group*)

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