

## **R4 AM31: Protecting International Law Against Empires: to Infinity and Beyond**

Proposers

Jaunatnes Organiz?cija "Protests"

### **Motion text**

#### **From line 48 to 52:**

~~Europe plays a key role globally but often subordinates itself to these systems, as seen in energy dependence and extractive economic relations. Neocolonial practices persist, while human rights are inconsistently applied. Protecting international law also means protecting AFAB and marginalised communities globally.~~

The EU consolidates former empires and often uses imperialist power both within its borders and in relation to its peripheries. Its trade with the outside world is frequently characterized by unfair exchange, exploitative treaties, and neocolonial practices that continue the legacy of colonialism. Wealth, which is meant to lessen inequalities between richer and poorer EU states, often ends up back in the wealthier members. Protecting international law and justice also means protecting AFAB and marginalised communities globally.

### **Reason**

It is important not only to call out other powers but also the EU itself. This is also meant to address a not-so-talked-about problem within the cohesion fund- the money so generously given by richer states to poorer ones quickly finds its way back to the rich ones through, for example, contractors being from those countries.