Dear POLLEN members and friends (with apologies for X-posting),

Welcome to our monthly news update for April. As ever, a lot has been happening in the network: we’ve got some great blog posts, a diverse set of publications, some cool job postings and a CFP for a (nearly) carbon neutral conference. Happy scrolling!

POLLEN18 UPDATES

Registration for the POLLEN18 welcome reception at Oslo City Hall is now open. This will be held on the evening of 19 June 2018, 19:00-20:30. Light snacks and drinks will be served. More information on the programme is available here. The City Hall might be of interest to those visiting Oslo or Norway for the first time, as this is the same venue where the Nobel Peace Prize is awarded each year. Registration will be limited to a maximum of 400 guests, so please register early if you would like to attend.

Check out the conference programme here!

BLOG POSTS

Greenmentality: A Political Ecology of the Green Economy in the Global South has launched a project website, where up-to-date information about the research project and relevant blog posts by the researchers in the project will be shared. There are two recent blog posts up already, Power and Strategies of Resistance – Visible, Invisible and Hidden Resistance by Shai Divon and Mentalities of greening, governing, and getting rich by Connor J. Cavanagh.

From ENTITLE:

Tourism and Degrowth: Impossibility Theorem or Path to Post-Capitalism?
by Robert Fletcher, Asuncién Blanca-Romero, Macià Blázquez-Salom and Ivan Murray

Why are water wars back on the agenda? And why we think it’s a bad idea!
By Ana Elisa Cascão; Alvar Clasas; Emanuele Fantini; Goitom Gebreleul; Tobias Ide; Guy Jobbins; Rémy Kinna; Flávia Rocha Loures; Bjørn-Oliver Magsig; Nate Matthews; Owen McIntyre; Filippo Menga; Naho Mirumachi; Ruby Maynhian; Alan Nicol; Terje Oestigaard; Alistair Rieu-Clarke; Jan Selby; Suvi Sajamo; Larry Swatuk; Rawia Tawfik; Harry Verhoeven; Jeroen Warner; Mark Zeitount

Why #DefendAfrin? Confronting authoritarian populism with radical democracy
By Amber Huff, Salima Tasdemir, and Patrick Huff
Think Big Socialism and the Spectre of Degrowth: The Ghost of Progress (Part I)
By Eric Pineault

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming, eleven papers on The EJatlas: Ecological Distribution Conflicts as Forces for Sustainability, edited by L.Temper, F. Demaria, A. Scheidel, D. Del Bene and J. Martínez-Alier (EnvJustice project, ICTA UAB, Barcelona), a special feature in the journal Sustainability Science.


CALLS FOR PAPERS

Feral, a nearly carbon neutral conference, November 2018. Co-hosted by Massey University Political Ecology Research Centre and Wageningen University

Deadline extended for abstract submission for the Fourth Annual FLARE Network meeting Energy Anthropology Network Panel, European Association for Social Anthropology conference 2018

OPPORTUNITIES

Call for Summerschool Participants: Governance at the edge of the state: Materiality, Ghent University

Fully-funded PhD: Fiction Meets Science: Narrating Sea-Level Change in Singapore at Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT), Bremen

PhD: Valuing environmental harm: How can local, legal and economic conceptualisations of deforestation be reconciled? Lancaster University

Postdoc: Mangroves and Meaning-making: a mutual relationship over time at the Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Research, Bremen.

Postdoc: Political Ecology / Crisis Conservation (2.5 years), Sociology of Development and Change Group (SDC), Wageningen University

Research fellowship in Mining Governance, University of Melbourne.
The journal *Conservation & Society* is now tweeting @ConservandSoc. For updates on the latest conservation scholarship via Twitter, follow us! If you would like us to share/amplify your news (e.g. events, awards, conferences), please mention us in your tweets.

Patrick Bigger and Ben Neimark (Lancaster University) have been awarded this year’s *Virginie Mamadouh Outstanding Research Award* by the AAG Political Geography Specialty Group for their paper “*Weaponizing Nature: The Geopolitical Ecology of the US Navy’s Biofuel Program*” (*Political Geography* 2017).

Giorgos Kallis (ENTITLE) has recently announced a *new Masters in Political Ecology* in Barcelona. It is a professional degree and is ideal for people who want to work on environmental justice NGOs, the solidarity economy or public sector, as well as people who might already have a masters in a different field and want to switch to a PhD in political ecology/degrowth. Admissions are not yet open, but we will have updates within a month or so.

NEW NODES – Welcome to POLLEN!

Jessica Hope, Naomi Millner and James Palmer, *University of Bristol*, UK

Lilian Pungas, *Institute for Political Ecology*, Zagreb, Croatia

Best wishes until next time,

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