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

Greetings and welcome to the first monthly update from POLLEN in 2019. We hope everyone had a restful break – even though it seems like a very long time ago already!

Many thanks to everyone who sent in their contributions – the number of publications, opportunities, news articles and other updates has been incredible this month. We are proud to be sending out one of the largest newsletter to date – proof that we are growing as a network! We hope everyone enjoys reading it.

BLOG POSTS

Gratitude by Mihnea Tanasescu

From our friends at Entitle:

Night of the Living ‘Things’: Zombie Archaeology by Eric Fleischmann

Should political ecology be populist? by Diego Andreucci

Urban forests, regeneration and conflicts: the case of Prati di Caprara in Bologna (Italy) by Andrea Zinzani and Enrico Curzi

Assembling a Movement for Real Democracy in Every Community – launch statement from Symbiosis by Symbiosis Collective

Headless populism and the political ecology of alienation by Patrick Huff

Blog updates from the Political Ecology Research Centre at Massey University can be found here and here.
PUBLICATIONS


Rasmussen, MB (2019) Rewriting Conservation Landscapes: Protected areas and glacial retreat in the high Andes. Regional Environmental Change


**CONFERENCES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

**Call for Papers for fully funded work/writeshop** – May 2020 in the Abbazia di San Giusto, Italy
Organized by: Prof. Bram Büscher (Wageningen University, the Netherlands). Date: 10-16 May 2020. Place: Abbazia di San Giusto, Italy

**Call for papers** for a student proposed panel at the joint Society for the Anthropology of North America and the Society for Urban, National, and Transnational Anthropology conference this May, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The conference theme is “Positive Futures.”

Call for Papers extended to 14 February: the 2019 Environmental Justice Conference 'Transformative Connections' will be held at University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK, on 2 July - 4 July 2019. We welcome proposals for sessions (talks, panel discussion, roundtables or workshop events). We are also calling for submission of abstracts for presentations. The deadline is 14 February 2019. Submissions will be reviewed by the scientific advisory board by 28 February 2019. Registration for the conference will open on 1 March 2019. For further information see the conference webpages or email gej.group@uea.ac.uk.

**Call for Conference Papers** - International Symposium Environmental Justice and Sustainable Development Goals: Balancing Economy and Environment for Inclusive and Equitable Growth
Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India
March 15th and 16th, 2019

The School of Human Ecology at Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD) is organising a conference titled "Entangled Natures: A Conference on Human Ecology" during 14th to 17th February 2019. The conference will have five thematic panels, speed talks, posters, photo exhibition celebrating a decade of SHE, and an open house and photography competition for undergraduate students. We have just issued a call for papers, which is available on the conference website https://www.entanglednatures.com/

**RGS-IBG 2019 (28th – 30th August 2019, London)** **Call for Papers**: TRUST IN RURAL LAND GOVERNANCE. Convenors: Sam Staddon, Clare Barnes, Rachel Hunt (University of Edinburgh)
**Call for Papers**: Political Ecologies of Green Energy at RGS-IBG Annual Conference: Political Ecologies of Green Energy: troubling the realities of being green. Convenors: Dr Jessica Hope & Dr Ed Atkins, University of Bristol

**Doctoral vacancy** at the Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT) - call attached - for a sub-project under the interdisciplinary Fiction Meets Science initiative 'Narrating Sea Level Change as a World-making Activity.' We welcome applicants in the environmental humanities and the social sciences. Deadline - Feb 8, 2019

Applications are invited for a Postdoctoral Fellow based in the Physical Activity and Public Health programme in the MRC Epidemiology Unit, a department within the University of Cambridge’s School of Clinical Medicine on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus. The programme is one of seven core-funded MRC research programmes.

Lincoln University is seeking an interdisciplinary-backgrounded Postdoctoral Fellow with training in social science or human-environment relations, political ecology, environmental sociology, geography or anthropology, etc.

**New PhD position** at ISS Erasmus University Rotterdam: Valuing nature in the circular economy

One Earth, a new journal from Cell on environmental sustainability, is looking for a social sciences editor. More information can be found at https://4re.referrals.selectminds.com/elsevier/jobs/scientific-editor-social-science-one-earth-20590

Greetings! Several of us here at McGill University have been really concerned about the recent situation in Wets'uwet'en territory in British Columbia and have felt compelled to show active support of the Wet'suwet'en people. We worked together to write a Statement of Solidarity with the Wet'suwet'en People from Professors and Scholars that we now invite you to sign. We will gather as many signatures we can by Feb 15, at which point we will do a press release to Canadian media.

*This Statement was sent to the people at the Unist'ot'en camp to ensure they approve of this support effort and indeed, they do. Please click here to read and add your name to this Statement of Solidarity. And please help us by forwarding this email widely to all the Professors and other scholars that you think may want to sign!

NEW NODES – Welcome to POLLEN!

- Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (Seema Arora-Jonsson)
- Brazilian Institute on Science and Technology Information / Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (Liz Rejane Issberner)
- University College of Teacher Education Styria, Austria (Matthias Kowasch)
• University of Sheffield, [Department of Geography](#) (Anna Krzywoszynska)
• Resources, Environment and Development group, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University (Sarah Milne, Keith Barney, Sango Mahanty, John McCarthy, Phuc To, Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt)
• Centre for African Studies, University of Basel (Luregn Lenggenhager)
• Space in Time Research Group
• Geography Section, Department of History, Cultures and Civilization, University of Bologna (Andrea Zinzani, Matteo Proto)
• Vanderbilt University (Alex Korsunsky)
• Department of Anthropology, University of Georgia (Emily Ramsey)
• University of Toronto (Columba Gonzalez)
• University of Groningen (Karsten Schulz)

To finish off this newsletter, we have received a note from Will Tuladhar-Douglas in Chittagong, Bangladesh with “evidence that POLLEN is spreading”!

![Image of Pollen Grammar School]

Best wishes,

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