Dear POLLEN members and friends (with apologies for X-posting),
Greetings and welcome to our monthly POLLEN update. We would like to start with exciting news!

We are happy to announce that the Political Ecology Network (POLLEN) Third Biennial Conference will be held in Brighton, United Kingdom, June 24-26, 2020 on the theme of Contested Natures: Power, Possibility, Prefiguration. POLLEN20 will be organized by the ESRC STEPS Centre (IDS/SPRU, University of Sussex) and co-hosted by Radical Futures at the University of Brighton and the Institute of Development Studies, with support from the BIOSEC project at the University of Sheffield. More information can be found here.

Many thanks to everyone who sent in their valuable contributions again this month. We hope everyone enjoys reading all about it in this newsletter.

BLOG POSTS

Trophy hunting for conservation and development in Namibia? The limitations of economic benefits and the role of science by Stasja Koot

New collaborative works on political ecology, authoritarianism, and populism by POLLEN and ENTITLE

Populism as the final outcome of liberalism by Alvaro Gaertner Aranda

DEEP SEA MINING AT THE THRESHOLD: THE POLITICS OF THE SEABED? by John Childs

From our friends at Entitle:

Reflections on Authoritarian Populism: Democracy, Technology and Ecological Destruction by Alexander Dunlap

Political ecologies of urban nature in Bogotá, Colombia by Germán A. Quimbayo Ruiz

The Internet - a case for political ecology? by Annika Kettenburg

Grassroots initiatives in climate change-adaptation for justice and sustainability by Roberta Biasillo

About Permaculture Songs and the Food (In)security Narrative by Elena Louisa

The Loneliest Man on Earth by Juan Francisco Moreno

From the Political Ecology Research Centre at Massey University, New Zealand:

PERC AT THE 4TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY

PUBLICATIONS


Special Issue
“Rights to Nature: Tracing alternative political ecologies to the neoliberal environmental agenda” (Guest editors: Jose A Cortes-Vazquez and Elia Apostolopoulou), link: https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/geoforum/vol/98/suppl/C


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William G. Moseley 2017 The New Green Revolution For Africa: A Political Ecology Critique BJWA 23(2) 177-190

Ivan R. Scales 2017 Tropical Forests, Politics, And Power: From Colonial Concessions To Carbon Credits. BJWA 23(2) 191-206

Susan Paulson 2017 Power and Difference in Conservation Policy: Changing Masculinities and Andean Watersheds BJWA 23(2) 207-224

Alain Lipietz 2017 2017. Contextualizing Political Ecology In Europe Within A Global Regulation Approach. BJWA 23(2) 225-234

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Nordia Yearbook on Affirmative Political Ecology, just out from the (electronic) press. The whole issue is freely available online here: https://nordia.journal.fi/

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Meaningful engagement and oral histories of the indigenous peoples of the north. Tero Mustonen
Row: a thinkivist art intervention. Massa Lemu & Emmanuel Ngwira
Transcending binaries: a participatory political ecology of the Faroese foodscape. Elisabeth Skarðhamar Olsen & Rebecca Whittle
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CONFERENCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

CFP: 2019 AAA/CASCA “Pollution/Toxicity: Political Ecologies of Matter Out of Place”

Call for abstracts for the fifth annual FLARE meeting at The University of Michagin, Ann Arbor. August 23-25, 2019

Call for Contributions: Political Ecologies of the Far Right, 15-17 Nov 2019

Dear colleagues,

As part of the annual IGS seminar on political ecology, we are organizing a research seminar on "political agronomy", entitled "Political Agronomy: Knowledge production and policy framing in the era of Super- and Miracle Food", which will take place on June 5 and 6 at the University of Lausanne. The program is currently being finalized. It will include a half-day plenary conference, a half-day workshop and a visit to a quinoa farm in French-speaking Switzerland.

The final program and registration link will soon be available on the event page: https://www.unil.ch/igd/political-agronomy
We would be delighted to welcome you to this event, so please save the date!
For the organizing committee, Florence Bétrisey
Registration open for #EJ2019 Conference. We are excited to announce that registration is now open for the 2019 Environmental Justice Conference 'Transformative Connections', being held at the University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK, on 2 July - 4 July 2019.

To register go to: UEA online store

Early bird registration is available until 31 March 2019, with reduced rates available for students and delegates from low and middle income countries.

Call for abstracts: WaterPower Symposium 2019

Under the theme of “Transformative Development Pathways – Critical Perspectives on Urbanisation, Land and Water”, the WaterPower project invites you to participate in the project’s final symposium. Hosted by the Governance and Sustainability Lab at Trier University, the event aims to connect participants for discussions and exchanges on what efforts in knowing and governing the urban may be needed for transformative change. We invite researchers and early career professionals working across diverse sub-fields in Geography, Urban Studies, Development Studies, Environmental Sociology, Ecology, and related fields. The symposium will be held in English. The deadline for applications is 07 April 2019. More information can be found here.

PhD position on Negative Emissions at LUCSUS, Lund University

NEW NODES – Welcome to POLLEN!

- Institute of Anthropological Research, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Mexico City (Paola Velasco Santos)
- University College London, Anthropology (Agnese Marino)
- Anwesha Dutta has joined the already existing node at the Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI), Bergen
- Western Washington University, Anthropology Department (Josh Fisher)
- University of Dundee (Lee Hewitson)

SUPPORT FOR STUDENT STRIKES

On behalf of the POLLEN secretariat, we would like to lend out support to the courageous students who have been taking to the streets in protest of climate inaction and other environmental injustices. These global strikes should be an inspiration to us all!

Find out more here: https://rebellion.earth/

And on Twitter

We encourage other POLLEN nodes to lend their support – for some, this means supporting our children when they want to go on strike instead of attending school on Fridays!

Best wishes,

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