



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

Greetings and welcome to a new POLLEN update. A mid-summer newsletter for some, and a mid-winter newsletter for others! We are happy to have received such a great number of interesting new publications and opportunities, which have been inspiring for us to read. We hope everyone enjoys reading this month's newsletter and we thank everyone who sent us contributions.

#### POLLEN CONFERENCE 2020

The organizing committee of the Third Biennial Conference of the Political Ecology Network (POLLEN) will soon be circulating a call for proposals for organized sessions, workshops and exhibitions for next POLLEN conference (*#POLLEN20*). The conference, titled *Contested Natures: Power, Possibility, Prefiguration*, will be held in Brighton, UK on 24-26 June 2020, hosted by the ESRC STEPS Centre (IDS/SPRU, University of Sussex) and The Political Ecology Network (POLLEN) Secretariat, and *Radical Futures* at the University of Brighton, with support from the BIOSEC project and SIID at the University of Sheffield. For inquiries about co-hosting or getting involved, please email [POLLEN@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:POLLEN@sussex.ac.uk).

#### BLOG POSTS

[Eco\(in\)movilismo. Movilidad urbana e inmovilismo cultural.](#) By Massimo Paolini

[Why no change? Sustainable development, extractivism and the environment in Bolivia](#) by Jessica Hope

From our friends at [Entitle](#):

[Pupils at the forefront: the school-work interchange on climate change between university and high school in Naples](#) by Maria Federica Palestino, Simona Quagliano and Elena Vetromile

[Why 'Game of Thrones' was about ecomodernism](#) by Chris Giotitsas & Vasilis Kostakis

[What is “good practice” in academia?](#) By Bregje van Veelen, Richard Lane & Laura Tozer

[Open letter to the President of Colombia denouncing threats and murder of social leaders // Carta abierta al Presidente de Colombia denunciando amenazas y asesinatos a lideres sociales](#)

From PERC in New Zealand (where it is mid-winter) is a blog post detailing Dr. Trisia Farrelly's time at the UNWRAPPED conference in the US, which brought together top researchers in ecotoxicology and food packaging with leaders of international advocacy groups to discuss the latest findings on food and beverage contamination from plastic packaging:

[https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/about-massey/news/article.cfm?mnarticle\\_uid=3CAD4D59-36F7-4C4F-8908-07046BBFD680](https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/about-massey/news/article.cfm?mnarticle_uid=3CAD4D59-36F7-4C4F-8908-07046BBFD680)

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## NEWS, CONFERENCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

[Call for chapter contributions: An Eastern European Political Ecology of Environment-State Relations](#). Deadline 22 July!

[Call for papers: Special Issue “Global Resource Industries and Environmental Conflicts: Disciplinary Approaches, Methods, Literatures and Comparative Insights”](#)

[Call for Papers: Special issue on “Putting Culture back into Cultural Ecosystem Services \(CES\): Case Studies on CES and Conservation from the Global South”](#)

### [CALL FOR PAPERS: EMANCIPATORY AND RADICAL PERSPECTIVES ON ILLICIT GEOGRAPHIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE](#)

Dear colleagues and friends,

I hope you might be interested in the international conference *STREAMS. Transformative Environmental Humanities* we are organizing at the Environmental Humanities Laboratory in Stockholm (5-8 August 2020).

You can find the call for Contributions through this [link](#). Please feel free to spread the call among your contacts. I hope to see many of you in Stockholm next year!

Best,  
Marco Armiero

Upcoming conference: Political Ecology in Asia 2019: Plural Knowledge and Contested Development in a More-Than-Human World

On 10-11 October 2019, a conference on Political Ecology in Asia will be held in the Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand. Keynotes for the conference are Lyla Mehta (Institute of Development Studies, UK) and Thanee Wongyannava (Thammasart University, Thailand). Themes to be covered by the conference range from: hydrosocial rivers and their politics; to interspecies cohabitations in Asia; to reshaping governance and justice in conservation.

The conference is co-organized between the Center for Social Development Studies (CSDS), Chulalongkorn University; the Research Institute on Contemporary Southeast Asia (IRASEC); the French Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD); the French Institute of Pondicherry (IFP); and IRN-SustainAsia; and in collaboration with POLLEN.

Further details on the conference can be found here: <http://www.csds-chula.org/political-ecology-in-asia>. There are a limited number of spaces remaining for self-funded participants to join the conference either as a paper presenter or participant. For further information, please contact [PoliticalEcologyinAsia@gmail.com](mailto:PoliticalEcologyinAsia@gmail.com).

Simon Batterbury (University of Melbourne/Lancaster University) has won Melbourne's prize for excellence in post-graduate student supervision (2019). The US\$7,000 award will enable collaboration and publication with former and present political ecology students. <https://melbourne-cshe.unimelb.edu.au/awards/university-of-melbourne-awards-for-excellence/honour-roll/2019-winners>

Leah Horowitz, professor of Human Ecology at the University of Wisconsin was interviewed in a recent (7/4/19) podcast from the Women's Liberation Radio News that discusses climate change's impacts on women, and their responses (excerpts from the interview with Leah Horowitz are included about halfway through): <https://soundcloud.com/wlrn-media/wlrn-edition-39-women-climate-change>

[Job opportunity: tenure-track position in 'Indigenous Resurgence and Development' at Queen's University, Canada](#)

[Job opportunity: Postdoctoral Fellow at the Indian School of Business](#)

[Job opportunity: Lecturer in Political Ecology](#)

[Assistant Professor \(tenure track\) in Societal Challenges of Climate Change Impacts – The University of Lausanne](#)

[Vacancy: Associate Professor Forest and Nature Conservation Policy at Wageningen University & Research](#)

[Assistant Director of the Center for Culture, History, and Environment at the University of Wisconsin-Madison](#)

NEW NODES – Welcome to POLLEN!

- [University of Granada \(Luis Sánchez-Vázquez\)](#)
- [Dala Institute for Environment and Society \(Rodd Myers\)](#)
- [Queen Margaret University \(Jennifer Mackay\)](#)
- [Trinity College Dublin \(Patrick Bresnihan\)](#)
- [Harry Fischer](#) has joined the existing node at [Department of Urban and Rural Development, Swedish University of Agricultural Science](#)
- [Knowledge, Technology and Innovation Group, Wageningen University and Research \(Esther Mwhiki Kihoro\)](#)

- Department of Sociology, [University of Essex](#) (Ayse Sargin)
- [Department of Anthropology](#), University of South Florida ([Atte Penttilä](#))
- University of Technology Sydney, [Fisheries Social Science Group](#) ([Michael Fabinyi](#), [Kate Barclay](#), [Nick McClean](#))
- [Stellenbosch University](#) ([Michela Marcatelli](#))
- Queen's University, Canada ([Diana Cordoba](#))
- [Massimo Paolini](#) (Independent)

Best wishes,

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