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.

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 bought 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:

PUBLICATIONS


The rest of this special section of Capitalism Nature Socialism labelled "Symposium on Socialism and Degrowth" can be found here: https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rcns20/30/2?nav=tocList


Clement, F., Harcourt, W.J., Joshi, D. and Sato, C., 2019. Feminist political ecologies of the commons and commoning. International Journal of the Commons, 13(1). Editorial to a Special Feature which can be found here: Feminist political ecologies of the commons and commoning


Onur İnal (University of Vienna) and Ethemcan Turhan (KTH Environmental Humanities Laboratory) edited a volume titled “Transforming Socio-Natures in Turkey: Landscapes, State and Environmental Movements” out from Routledge Environmental Humanities Series on 26 July 2019. The volume brings together contributions from an emerging cohort of environmental history and political ecology scholars.


Neimark, Benjamin, Address the roots of environmental crime *Science* 12 Apr 2019: Vol. 364, Issue 6436, pp. 139 [https://science.sciencemag.org/content/364/6436/139](https://science.sciencemag.org/content/364/6436/139)

Benjamin Neimark, Oliver Belcher, Patrick Bigger. 24 June 2019. US military is a bigger polluter than as many as 140 countries – shrinking this war machine is a must. The Conversation [https://theconversation.com/us-military-is-a-bigger-polluter-than-as-many-as-140-countries-shrinking-this-war-machine-is-a-must-119269](https://theconversation.com/us-military-is-a-bigger-polluter-than-as-many-as-140-countries-shrinking-this-war-machine-is-a-must-119269)


Special issue of GeoForum on the theme of The New Politics and Geographies of Scarcity:

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 Thanes 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.


**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 Mwihaki 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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