



## Call for papers

# ***UNDISCIPLINED ENVIRONMENTS***

## **International Conference**

## **European Network of Political Ecology (ENTITLE)**

**Stockholm, 20-23 of March 2016**

Power and conflict are at the core of socio-environmental change, but existing knowledge and higher education structures are ill-equipped to address them. Most of socially-relevant environmental research takes place within isolated disciplinary silos and has a disciplinary orientation. Questions are framed in relation to scholarly traditions, not in terms of the structure of the problems and the conflicts at hand, which transcend conventional departmentalization. However, as we live in undisciplined environments, we need undisciplined thinking.

To discuss the possibilities for an undisciplinary political ecology, the European Network 'Entitle' – an FP7 'Marie Curie' action n.289374 – launches the International Conference *UNDISCIPLINED ENVIRONMENTS*, co-organized by the Center for Social Studies of the University of Coimbra and the Environmental Humanities Laboratory of the KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm.

The conference will offer three plenary sessions, each featuring a dialogue between two keynote speakers from different geographical and disciplinary environments:

- 1) *Decolonial Political Ecology.*** Colonialism still lingers in social, cultural, economic and ecological interactions, not only as a structural process, but also informing our relationship to ourselves, to other fellow humans, and to non-human nature. This session will open the conference with a debate on how Political Ecology can interact with discussions in indigenous, decolonial, and gender studies, as well as in emancipatory political and social thought, thus contributing to the de-colonization of social and environmental knowledge.



**Keynote speakers:**

**Kim Tallbear, University of Texas at Austin**

**Ailton Krenak, Krenaki leader and public intellectual, Brasil**

**Keywords:** indigenous politics, decolonizing methodology, gender, extractivism, Sumak Kawsay, Ubuntu, knowledge/power, environmental violence, (post)colonial ecologies, life projects, eco-feminism

- 2) ***Post-capitalist ecologies.*** Going beyond *humanity* as the modernist figure of a Universal White Man, we will open a debate over the *Anthropocene* as a contemporary radical materiality that invite us to imagine the emancipatory possibilities of an apocalyptic situation. Despite much academic criticism, mainstream ideas of conservation, sustainability, and green growth continue to dominate the arena of environmental politics. If the *Anthropocene* is the age of Capitalism, how can we imagine a post-capitalist scenario of ecological liberation? How can we talk about a radical post-humanist democracy based on egalitarian transformations of socio-ecological relations?

**Keynote speakers:**

**Catherine Larrère, Université de Paris I-Panthéon-Sorbonne.**

**Noel Castree, University of Manchester**

**Keywords:** Anthropocene/Capitalocene/Chthulucene, post-humanism, social ecology, eco-socialism, degrowth, environmentalism of the poor, working-class environmentalism, the political, green economy, post-carbon transition, democracy, environmental justice

- 3) ***Enclosures vs. Commoning.*** From Chiapas to Rojava and Gezi, from urban gardening to global climate justice, the commons have become the object of much radical ecological discourse and social practice today. According to many scholars, we are now witnessing a phase of new enclosures, testified by the recrudescence of land grabbing in rural areas



and housing evictions in cities, as well as the commodification of the atmosphere and of life itself. This session invites to reflect on how PE can contribute to opening up the debate on ‘the commons’ beyond disciplinary boundaries, and across different spatial and organizational scales. What would imply for PE to actively embrace a renewed political ecology of the commons?

***Keynote speakers:***

**Nancy Peluso, University of California at Berkeley (tbc)**

**Ugo Mattei, International University College, Turin (tbc)**

**Keywords:** commons, resource access/control, land grabbing, austerity, gentrification, carbon trading, neoliberal ecologies, justice/equality, resistance/insurgency, utopian ecologies, food sovereignty, autonomy, squatting, territory, communal logics, community economies, climate justice

In addition to the three plenary sessions, the conference will host a number of parallel panel sessions, and non-academic interventions. We thus invite submissions on any topic of relevance to a broadly defined, undisciplined political ecology, including, but not limited to, the above mentioned conference keywords. We welcome contributions in a variety of formats: academic presentations and round-tables, audio/video materials, documentary films, live performances (poetry, music, drama), photo or art exhibits, graffiti, and others.

**Submission instructions**

All submissions must be sent via email to the address: [entitleconference@politicalecology.eu](mailto:entitleconference@politicalecology.eu) by **September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. The email ‘subject’ field must specify the typology of submission (individual presentation, panel, round table, non-academic intervention) and one or more keywords. Please submit your proposal according to the guidelines below:



1. **Individual academic presentation:** please send a title and a max 300-word abstract
2. **Panel proposal:** please send a title and a max 300-word general abstract, plus a list of 4 proposed presentations (names and abstracts)
3. **Round-table proposal:** please send a title and a max 300-word abstract, including a list of questions for the speakers, and 3 to 4 speakers
4. **Non-academic intervention:** please send a max 500-word abstract and/or a sample of the material you wish to contribute, and a brief bio profile (100 words)

Submissions must be sent in one attached file. In the abstract, please clearly indicate your name and contact details, plus institutional affiliation (if applicable) or activity (e.g. artist, film-maker, reporter, writer, blogger), and those of each contributing author.

The conference working language is English, but the scientific committee might consider individual submissions in other languages in the eventuality that translation can be provided. Please contact the conference organizers to inquire about this possibility. If accepted, oral presentations in other languages should be accompanied by a slide show in English.

Successful submissions will be notified by November 15<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Please check the conference website for more information:

<http://www.politicaecology.eu/news/item/conference>

See also the Entitle Project website <http://www.politicaecology.eu/>

and the Entitle fellows' blog <http://entitleblog.org/>

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