

Call for Papers

Journal: *Relations: Beyond Anthropocentrism*

Special Issue: “Energy Ethics: Emerging Perspectives in Times of Energy Transitions”

Abstract deadline: June 30th, 2017

Notice of acceptance: July 30th, 2017

Final papers deadline: December 30th, 2017

Relations. Beyond Anthropocentrism is pleased to welcome abstracts of articles for a **Special Issue on Energy Ethics**, guest editor Giovanni Frigo, University of North Texas. The special issue focuses on the emergent area of energy ethics, and aims at developing an interdisciplinary dialogue among environmental philosophy and ethics, environmental and energy justice, energy policy, energy humanities, as well as sustainability studies, ecological sciences, and energy engineering.

Structure of the Issues

The journal *Relations. Beyond Anthropocentrism* is published, in English, every six months.

This Special Issue covers one annual theme, energy ethics, and is constituted of two issues:

Vol. 6 No.1 (6.1) published in June 2018, and

Vol 6 No. 2 (6.2) published in November 2018.

Overall, we are searching for:

- 10-12 studies and research peer-reviewed contributions
- 2 Comments, Debates, Reports and Interviews (if you wish to submit the proposal for a debate, the two parties of it will be developed through a dialog between first (June) and second issue (November '18))
- 8 Reviews of Books, Articles, or Films

Goals of the Special Issue

Many parts of the world are living in, and are dependent on, problematic petrocultures (Petrocultures Research Group, 2016). While the entire planet faces the complexities of climate change, there are substantial worldwide inequalities in the access and availability of resources and energies (Illich, 1974). Planetary imbalances between different countries are still dramatic in terms of per capita annual energy consumption, and there are countless issues concerning energy production, distribution, and consumption (Smil, 2003, 2010). These, and many other related issues, are cause of several energy injustices which demand an ethical engagement with the theme of energy (Sovacool & Dworkin, 2015). While many investments and efforts are being spent on technologies and infrastructures, less attention has been given to the ideas and values that characterize and are at the roots of the different environmental and social crisis and challenges connected to energy and resources. Meantime, humanities generally (Boyer & Szeman, 2014; Strauss et al., 2013), and philosophy and ethics specifically (Geerts et. al., 2014) have only very recently started to deal with the theme of energy and resources. Sustainable and just energy transitions require humans to (re)think, (re)define, and (re)negotiate the meanings and nuances of pivotal conceptual frameworks and possible themes of energy ethics.

The aim of these two issues is to foster an interdisciplinary dialog among disciplines on the theme of energy ethics. More innovative reflections on the ontological, moral, religious, gendered, socio-economic, and political dimensions of energy issues are needed in order to address systemic and infrastructural challenges which are, of course, not only technical. Humanities and social sciences can play an important role in analyzing issues related to energy and resources, as well as providing insights and propose solutions. There is, in brief, a great need for a profound theoretical reflection, and for an applied engagement of humanities' thinkers with the theme of energy and resources.

Ethics and philosophies of energy can, and should have broader impacts in the socio-political discourse. Their contribution can enhance energy policies to become more inclusive, attentive, just, and sustainable.

Contributions to these special issues may explore, but are not limited to, the following areas:

energy justice, energy poverty, responsibility towards future generations, energy and resources ontologies, non-anthropocentric accounts of energy and resources, philosophy of energy, indigenous and native perspectives on energy and resources, energy and women's studies, energy and religion, energy geo-politics and borders/boundaries, the ethics of energy devices, technologies and systems, anthropology and ethnography of energy, moral implications of energy engineering and ecological sciences.

About the Journal

Founded in Italy in 2013, *Relations: Beyond Anthropocentrism* is a peer-refereed open access journal of trans-anthropocentric ethics and related inquiries. It “welcomes papers, comments, debates, interviews, book and movie reviews, as well as presentations, reports, and other news concerning relevant activities and events. We envision inter- and trans-disciplinary contributions and dialogue from a wide variety of approaches: humanities (e.g. philosophy, literature, arts, law, and religious studies), life sciences (e.g. biology, ecology, ethology, medicine), and social sciences (e.g. economics, politics, anthropology, sociology, psychology). We especially encourage collaborative submissions from different disciplinary approaches, from both senior and junior scholars (including graduate students). All suitable submissions should address both academic and lay audiences as well as relevant stakeholders. Since the journal refers to an international readership of people from different disciplines, both inside and outside the academic community, contributors should keep in mind this heterogeneity of provenances and areas of expertise when writing.” The section «Comments, Debates & Interviews» includes scholarly comments as well as debates and interviews between two or more scholars. The section «Books & Movies Reviews» includes comments and reflections on important texts and movies. The section «News» includes reports and presentations of conferences and workshops, as well as information on activities, events, and other projects.

Indexing and Archive

Accepted for inclusion in Scopus. Indexing in process.

- Indexed in [ERIH PLUS - European Reference Index for the Humanities and Social Sciences](#)

- Indexed in [InfoBase Index](#) The IBI Factor of Relations for the year 2015 is 4.29

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Submission Process and Deadlines

Abstract should have a length of 300-500 words, and should show how the author intends to contribute to the theme of energy ethics. All contributors are invited to submit their abstract to the attention of the guest editor, Giovanni Frigo, University of North Texas. Contact: giovanni.frigo@unt.edu

For further information about this Special Issue of *Relations: Beyond Anthropocentrism*, please contact:

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We look forward to receiving a diverse array of proposals from interdisciplinary perspectives!