





an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Opening the Ecological Text

Guest Editors:

Dr. Anne McConnell

English Department, West Virginia State University, Charleston, WV, USA

Dr. Kent Shaw

English Department, Wheaton College, Norton, MA 02766, USA

Deadline for manuscript submissions:

closed (1 January 2021)

Message from the Guest Editors

Timothy Morton describes "the ecological thought" as a "vast sprawling mesh of interconnection without a definite center or edge." He argues for a form of ecocriticism that refuses to limit itself to works of literature and art that are about something explicitly ecological: the climate crisis, pollution, environmental toxins. As Morton suggests, our tendency to see the environment as something "out there," specific to a limited set of concerns, informs a type of ecocriticism that fails to see the ecological implications of any text, both thematic and formal. We are interested in papers that explore a diverse array of ecologies and demonstrate an agile understanding of ecocriticism. We understand the environmental crises of our contemporary world reach far into the intricacies and intimacy of daily life.









an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Albrecht Classen

Department of German Studies, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721, USA

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

We welcome contributions that address fundamental issues in the Humanities from any meaningful perspective, combining past and present concerns in order to blaze a path toward the future. Interdisciplinary approaches are particularly welcome. All submissions will be critically reviewed by peers, aiming for the highest possible scholarly level. Being an online journal, the published papers will reach their desired audiences faster, more reliably, and much more easily than traditional print versions, while upholding the same, if not even higher, scholarly standards.

Author Benefits

Open Access: free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

High Visibility: indexed within Scopus, ESCI (Web of Science), ERIH Plus, and other databases.

Rapid Publication: manuscripts are peer-reviewed and a first decision is provided to authors approximately 32.4 days after submission; acceptance to publication is undertaken in 5.9 days (median values for papers published in this journal in the first half of 2024).

Contact Us