

Special Issue

Opening the Ecological Text

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.

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