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Thematic Focus: Oceans

Call for Papers
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The ocean is vital to the existence of life on Earth. It is the epicenter of evolution as well as the ultimate bell weather for the continued vitality of living systems. It is vast, deep, and mysterious, and simultaneously familiar, intimate, and personal. The ocean can be simultaneously thought of as a singular space or divided into multiple oceans and seas and it frequently studied as one component of the planet's complex biological, geological, and chemical processes. It is also the site of scientific exploration, geopolitical territorialization, Romantic imagination, capitalist extraction, and shifting everyday relations of love and livelihood. The ocean is both an epic backdrop and an active agent in human activities, at times teeming with living beings and at times emptied of all agency. It is at once dangerous and endangered.

This volume of *Environment and Society* hopes to explore the contemporary enigmatic condition of the world's ocean(s) through examples of social research that examines lives lived with and within the sea. We are keeping this call intentionally broad in order to capture a wide range of perspectives and approaches, both theoretical and methodological. Our aim is show that the ocean is deeply social in ways that many of us have only just begun to understand.

Environment and Society is a review journal that appears once per year. Its papers are meant to review substantial bodies of literature that inform the author's perspective, and we expect contributions to this issue to contain substantial literature reviews. We also find that the best papers tend to include original research material in their work. We therefore look for papers which blend original work and literature review with an explicit focus on the concepts and ideas that inform the paper topic.

Possible topics for this issue could include, but are not limited to:

- The posthuman ocean
- Maritime anthropology
- Ocean geopolitics
- Sea level rise
- Ocean science, scientists, and technology
- Ocean biopolitics
- Ocean extractivism
- Engendering the ocean
- Regimes of ocean governance
- Ocean degradation
- Justice at sea
- Ocean environmental history
- The ocean and the politics of difference
- New materialism and the ocean
- Fishing and farming the sea
- Marine tourism
- Global environmental change and the ocean

Key Dates

Abstracts due

(Abstracts may be up to 250 words)

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