

Pacific Circle Newsletter
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PUBLICATIONS UPDATES

Plants and Animals in Latin American Cultures Call for Proposals

In recent years there has been a growing interest in bringing closer together the fields of critical plant studies and critical animal studies. Scholars have described their distinct but interrelated origins, noting the earlier attention non-human animals received from the humanities and the more recent growth in plant-centered work.

This edited volume is an effort in such a direction, taking Patrícia Vieira and Susan McHugh's following questions as a point of departure: "What can animal studies scholars learn from current plant research and vice versa? How do studies that encompass both plants and animals (and, potentially, other living and non-living forms of existence) enrich our understanding of our planet in all its diversity?"

We invite scholars working in Latin American art histories, cultural studies, film and media studies, literary studies, theater and performance studies, visual studies, and other relevant humanistic fields to submit proposals for an edited volume related to topics including, but not limited to:

- Human-nonhuman animal relationships, alliances, encounters, conflicts, and entanglements
- Decolonial approaches to animals and plants
- Studies on pets, stray animals, leisured animals, unwelcomed/invasive species, and plagues
- Languages of plants and animals
- Plant and animal life, reproduction, illness, and death
- Plants and animals in science fiction, climate fiction, and other speculative genres
- Race in critical animal and plant studies
- Medicinal animals and plants

- Plants and animals in science
- Plant and animal superstition and magic
- Animal liberation and ethics
- Indigenous ontologies and epistemologies
- Feminist and queer ecologies
- Practices of more-than-human care
- Disability studies and critical animal and plant studies
- Posthumanist examinations of plants and animals
- Ecocritical approximations to plant and animal survival in the Anthropocene
- Animals and plants in the colonial Americas
- Representations of plants and animals in early indigenous cultural production
- Plant and animal trade and displacement
- Plant and animal counter visualities
- Native plants and animals in the diaspora
- Plants, animals, and migrations

We especially welcome proposals with a transhistorical and interdisciplinary approach to critical plant and animal studies.

Authors should submit abstracts of their proposed chapters (approx. 500 words), a preliminary bibliography, and a short biographical paragraph (approx. 150 words) of each contributing author no later than April 30, 2023, to cepardop@syr.edu and operezhe@skidmore.edu. Accepted abstracts will be included in a book proposal to an academic press to be submitted by June 2023.

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<https://oaperez.com/research/more-than-human-worlds/plants-and-animals-in-latin-american-cultures/>

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Naveeda Khan, *River Life and the Upspring of Nature*, Duke University Press, 2023

Gary Backhouse, *Guide to Native Orchids of Victoria*, CSIRO Publishing, 2023

Timothy M. A. Utteridge and Laura V. S. Jennings, eds. *Trees of New Guinea*,

University of Chicago Press, 2023

A botanical companion to the world's most floristically diverse island: New Guinea.

New Guinea is the most floristically diverse island in the world, home to nearly 5,000 tree species alone. *Trees of New Guinea* details each of the 693 plant genera with arborescent members found in New Guinea, covering the entire region including the West Papua and Papua Provinces of Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, and the surrounding islands such as New Britain, New Ireland, and Bougainville. The book follows contemporary classifications and is richly illustrated with line drawings and color photographs throughout. Each group has a family description and key to the New Guinea tree genera, followed by a description of each genus, with notes on taxonomy, distribution, ecology, and diagnostic characters. *Trees of New Guinea*—winner of the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries Literature's 2022 Award for Excellence in Botany—is an essential companion for anyone studying or working in the region, including botanists, conservation workers, ecologists, and zoologists.

SELECT RECENT BIBLIOGRAPHY: ARTICLES

“Fit for purpose: investigating adaptations in late Pleistocene lithic technology to an island environment at Buang Merabak, New Ireland, Papua New Guinea,” by Georgia Kerby, Anne Ford, Glenn R. Summerhayes, Matthew G. Leavesley and J. Michael Palin, *World Archaeology* (forthcoming in print)

Published online: 08 Feb 2023

- <https://doi.org/10.1080/00438243.2023.2172070>

The occupation of Buang Merabak, a cave located on the island of New Ireland, by 42,000 years ago demonstrates that the colonisation of the Bismarck Archipelago occurred soon after that of Sahul. This provides the opportunity to consider the adaptation of small groups of people to a depauperate island environment. An analysis of a lithic assemblage from Buang Merabak was used to consider how technological organisation reflects changing patterns of site use and subsistence strategies from the late Pleistocene through to the early Holocene. A strategy of small simple flake technology was identified, which would have allowed site occupants flexibility in the face of fluctuating patterns of faunal resource use. During the late Pleistocene, a broad range of local lithic materials were used expediently. Gradual change occurred in the early Holocene to a smaller variety of materials with dominant use of local chert flakes and conservation of specific volcanic materials.

2023 SUMMER PROGRAMS

The History of Science Society Interdisciplinary Summer School

July 10-14, 2023

Science History Institute, Philadelphia, PA, USA

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS and PRIZES

British Society for the History of Science Conference & Workshop Grants

The British Society for the History of Science is looking to award grants of up to £500 each to conferences and workshops to be held in person this year (funds to be spent by 1st March 2024). Awards may be used for any reasonable purpose to support running a conference, which might include catering, venue, or accessibility costs. **Please note that the society is committed to lowering its climate impact and therefore will not fund air travel.**

Applications should consist of:

1. Details of the conference, including title, location, and dates of the event.
2. A short abstract detailing the intellectual agenda of the conference.
3. Details of the main organisers (including name, affiliation, and contact details).
4. Details of the conference programme where available.
5. A **balanced** budget that shows both projected income and expenditure. Please note that budgets which do not balance (i.e., budgets which do not clearly outline how expenses will be met) may be reviewed unfavourably by the panel.
6. A statement explaining how the event will adhere to aims and objectives of the BSHS and our policies and guidelines (which can be found [here](#)). We would draw particular attention to our Equality and Diversity Statement and our Climate Policy.

Please complete your application using [this online form](#). All awardees will be required to provide the BSHS with a post-event report and a suitable image for publication in the society's *Viewpoint* newsletter within three months of the event.

Please submit application materials **by midnight on Friday, 17th February 2023**. Applicants will be notified by the 1st March 2023, and monies can be used between then and the 1st March 2024. Any questions should be addressed to the Secretary of the BSHS Conferences Committee, Grace Exley, at conference.grants@bshs.org.uk.

Royal Society Early Career Research Award

This award consists of a cash prize and publication in the Society's Journal and cash prizes for the runner-up and honorable mentions. Applicants should submit a previously unpublished essay of no more than 12,000 words based on original research. It can relate to any aspect of the history of science, technology and medicine in any historical period.

The deadline for submission is February 28, 2023.

Further information at <https://royalsocietypublishing.org/rsnr/essay-award>.

IUHPST Essay Prize in History and Philosophy of Science

"First Research Article" Fellowship Program

Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin

September 1, 2023 – February 29, 2024

The Max Planck Institute is offering two fellowships for outstanding graduate students. Applicants should demonstrate their commitment to a research topic related to the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, or Science and Technology Studies and a need to work with an international community to prepare and publish their first single-authored research paper in

the English language. Eligible students should be in good standing through February 29, 2024, and should have completed the archival research for their work and can devote six months to writing and preparing an article in English for journal publication.

Applicants should send the following in English through the online portal:

<https://recruitment.mpiwg-berlin.mpg.ed/position/23330824>

1. Official proof of enrollment and good standing in an accredited graduate program from your PhD thesis or confirmation by your university.
2. Brief description of the dissertation.
3. CV and list of publications.
4. Title, abstract and outline of intended essay (maximum of 750 words).
5. English writing sample.
6. Letter of recommendation from one supervisor.

Please submit the above no later than February 15, 2023.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

HOMSEA 2023

9th International Conference on the History of Medicine in Southeast Asia

and

IASTAM Regional Conference

International Association for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicine

Singapore, 9-11 June 2023

Conference Host: Nanyang Technological University

With support from: Nanyang Technological University

All proposals on the subject of the history of medicine and health in Southeast Asia will be considered, but papers dealing with the influence of Chinese Traditional Medicine in Southeast Asia, local medical traditions, and the interaction between medical traditions and western medicine are encouraged. **Please submit a one-page abstract for a 20-minute talk, and a one-page CV by 15 March 2023 to: Hans Pols (hans.pols@sydney.edu.au).**

Proposals will be reviewed by May 2023. Further information regarding the venue, registration, registration fees and accommodation options will be made available then.

Program Committee: Warwick Anderson, Michitake Aso, Michael Stanley-Baker, Harold Cook, Laurence Monnais, Hans Pols, Michele Thompson

Local Organizing Committee: Michael Stanley-Baker and team

Please note that it may be possible to subsidize some of the costs of participation for scholars from less wealthy countries, and for graduate and postgraduate students. If you would like to ask for financial support, **please send a separate email justifying your request by 15 March to Hans Pols.**

- **The 32nd Annual World History Association Conference** will be held from June 22 - 24, 2023 at the University of Pittsburgh's World History Center. To learn about the keynote speakers and/or register at the early rate go to <https://www.thewha.org/conferences/2023-energies/>. If you have specific questions, email info@thewha.org.

- **The School of Pacific and Asian Studies (SPAS) and the Department of Asian Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM)** invites proposals for papers, performances, and panels that seek to move beyond the 'traditional' regions of Asia for the 34th annual Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference, held in-person at the Center for Korean Studies on the UHM campus in Honolulu, Hawai'i, on April 27–28, 2023. Beyond the constructed and narrow boundaries of South, Southeast, West, Central, and East Asia, the conference presents participants with the opportunity to think particularly about the movements of peoples, ideas, forms, and technologies across space and time through the perspective of Inter-Asia. Visit <https://spasgraduateconference2023.wordpress.com/> for more information.

- **The University of Hawai'i at Manoa Center for Southeast Asian Studies Spring 2023 Symposium: "Climate Change and South Asia."** This symposium invites scholars in the interpretive social sciences, humanities, arts, architecture, business, planning, public health, and policy studies, among others, to share research and artistic work, and join together in conversations about climate change in South Asia. The virtual event will be held April 18 & 19, 2023.

Indigenous Histories of Encounters in Asia-Pacific University of Cambridge, 19–20 June 2023

Keynote speakers:

Lynette Russell (Monash University) & **Michael T. Carson** (University of Guam)

The field of global history has embraced a call for new histories that cross borders and emphasise migrations and connections across large scales. Yet, in doing so, the field has at times overemphasised the history of European empires. This conference will explore new decolonial approaches which emphasise the agency of Indigenous and other non-European actors within the bustling, cross-cultural worlds of Asia-Pacific. Taking inspiration from the field

of Pacific history, we will explore entanglements across oceanic spaces, shifting the focus from the dominance of European traditions towards analyses of cross-cultural exchanges.

We seek to broaden the geographical focus to incorporate the worlds of both the Pacific and Maritime Southeast Asia and beyond, including Latin America. This wider scope will allow for an exciting, boundary-shifting dialogue between Pacific, Asian, and Latin American historians working within the fields of Indigenous history and non-European histories of globalisation and cross-cultural exchange. We call for abstracts concerned with any time period but especially encourage those focussed on the pre-modern era, which has been underrepresented in scholarship. We welcome contributions that cut across different methodologies and forms of historical evidence, including Indigenous studies, decolonisation, visual and material culture, ethnography, and archaeology.



AUSTRALIA AND
NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY
OF THE HISTORY OF
MEDICINE

The 18th Biennial Conference
of the ANZSHM

Second Opinions

12-15 July 2023

University of Adelaide
Health & Medical Science Building

► **Call for Abstracts
now open. Submit via
anzshm2023.com**

Are you interested in the history of health and medicine? Do you have a fascinating health-related history to share? We look forward to you joining us to explore medical histories of all kinds, including re-examining long established historical opinions.

Grants for postgraduate students and early career researchers to attend the conference will be available.

For more
information visit
anzshm2023.com

To register your interest
or for more information
please contact **NC Events**
ncosta@ncevents.com.au



BETWEEN NATIONS / ACROSS SEAS: THE TRANSNATIONAL AND TRANSCULTURAL PACIFIC

The 27th annual conference of the
New Zealand Studies Association (NZSA),
together with Stockholm University and the University of Turku

Stockholm, Sweden & Turku, Finland
26 – 30 June 2023



Les Sauvages de la Mer Pacifique, scenic wallpaper designed by Jean-Gabriel Charvet, manufactured by Joseph Dufour (1805)

Keynote Speakers:

- Professor Dominic Alessio
- Dr André Brett
- Associate Professor Patricia O'Brien
- Rena Owen
- Associate Professor Craig Santos Perez
- Professor Nicholas Thomas
- Dr Wonu Veys
- Susan Wilson

A special 5-day international conference

Includes an additional half-day free symposium for graduates & ECRs

Conference plan:

26 & 27 June - Stockholm; 28 June - ferry crossing; 29 & 30 June - Turku

Conference fee includes: coach transfers, ferry crossing and conference dinner

The New Zealand Studies Association has a long and strong history in promoting New Zealand and Pacific Studies, which for 11 years has been expanded through its twice-yearly Journal of New Zealand and Pacific Studies. The 2023 gathering builds on the successes of the conferences in Marseille (2022), Athens (2019), Aveiro (2018), Strasbourg (2017), Lugano (2016), Vienna (2015), Oslo (2014), Nijmegen (2013), Gdansk (2012), Frankfurt (2009), Florence (2008), London (2007), and Paris (2006).

Proposals for 20 minute papers to be sent by 29 January 2023 to Ian Conrich (ian@ianconrich.co.uk) or Mikko Myllyntausta (mijmyl@utu.fi). Abstracts need to be between 200 and 250 words with a bio added of 100-150 words. Interpretations of the theme are broad and papers can address a range of topics related to the Pacific and New Zealand.

Proposals for papers will be accepted within three main strands: 1) Oceania, 2) New Zealand and 3) Oceania/NZ in relation to any aspect of the Pacific Rim. We are particularly keen to receive papers on the third strand as we are hoping to extend the Association's interests into areas we have not widely explored before. Papers that explore relationships between New Zealand and/or the Pacific and Scandinavia are especially welcomed. The conference fee includes annual membership to the NZSA, which for 2023 includes a twice-yearly journal. A selection of papers from the conference will be published in the Scopus-indexed Journal of New Zealand and Pacific Studies, published by Intellect.

The conference will accept proposals on a range of subjects including the following: history, literature, film, music, art, cultural studies, media and communication, sociology, geography, tourism, war studies, politics, international relations, identity and multiculturalism, anthropology, Māori Studies, Pacific Studies, archaeology, heritage and museum studies.

