

The **Network for Global Justice and the Environmental Humanities (EHJustice)**: *Transformative engagements between academia and civil society* is pleased to announce the call for contributions for the conference:

## Justice, imagination and urgent transformation: Enacting public environmental humanities in Northern Europe

2-4 December 2021 • Copenhagen, Denmark (virtual/physical) • Hosted by Roskilde University

**Keynotes:** [Lana Hansen](#) [Prof. Rupert Read](#) [Tadzio Müller](#) [Dr. Vasna Ramasar](#)

There is underexplored space between the humanities and environmental-societal transformation and civil society: Dialogue and exchange between global and local environmental and climate justice movements have created new empirical and conceptual figurations, which the environmental humanities can engage with and learn from. To address this opening, looking at Northern Europe through a global environmental justice lens may illustrate how materials and politics entwine localities and make them cross-global. Such framings background notions of global leadership in environmental politics and foreground Northern Europe as a layered amalgam of globe-spanning localities composed of historical relationships, dialogue, domination, exchange, and extraction. While this approach allows for focus on Northern Europe, it also defines localities within Northern Europe as inseparable from—and altogether unknowable without—localities within the Global South. However, recognizing and mapping cross-global relations is not enough: Global visions of environmental justice movements demand alternative forms of living that are ecologically more sensitive and sustainable, yet are often peripheral. While Global North/South political boundaries are profound, similar boundaries emerge in local and national politics as well. Although alternatives for a yet-to-be present are sometimes met with curiosity, alterity in the form of multiple, locally specific, environmental modes of living and imagining are often foreclosed upon or overshadowed—intentionally and unintentionally—due to an emphasis on consensus over conflict and disagreement. All of this inspires a global environmental justice framework that maintains local particularity while holding onto an urgently needed global vision.

We are calling for a manifold of experts and artists (e.g. academics in the humanities and sciences, activists, community leaders, performers, etc.) who engage with environmental and climate justice, environmental-societal transformation and global connections, and consider new perspectives across differing knowledge practices and interfaces, temporal and political boundaries, and policy and societal nexi. Topics may include and go beyond: environmental struggle; supply chains and local effects; scientific models, reports and communities and local action; technologies and knowledge practices; alternative environmental living and imagining; cross-global conversation, commonality and/or collaboration; past & present environmental justice movements; Indigenous and alternative expertise; interdisciplinary collaboration.

**Contributions:** We solicit traditional and alternative contributions that address the conference's themes and topics in order to promote cross boundary scholarly and societal engagement: Speaker & paper contributions may be proposed by submitting a maximum 300 word research abstract. Alternative contributions may be proposed by submitting a maximum 300 word description. Examples of alternative contributions may be—but are not limited to—performance, exhibited presentation, dialogue provoking physical objects or artefacts, conversation of dilemmas, film viewing, etc.

**Submission & Questions:**

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**Deadline to submit:**  
**20 Oct. 2021**

**Further information:**  
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