



## Call for Papers

# People and Nature

In collaboration with [\*Innovation: The European Journal of Social Science Research\*](#) the [\*Museum für Naturkunde Berlin\*](#) invites researchers to submit their papers for the special issue **People and Nature**.

The climate crisis and the loss of biodiversity are among the greatest challenges of our time. To address these problems, we must - together as a society, but also each and every one of us - answer the question "How do we want to live with nature?".

Therefore, understanding individual and collective perspectives on nature are fundamental, as they decisively shape perception, evaluation and action towards nature. Within this perspective, developing new techniques for environmental communication and education are essential to foster social change towards a constructive relationship between man and nature.

This special issues aims to take a broad inter- and transdisciplinary view of the socio-cultural and ecological aspects of the relationship between people and their natural environment focusing on topics, such as:

- inter- and transdisciplinary collaborations within social-ecological research projects and knowledge transfer
- individual perspectives on nature in regard to nature conservation as part of everyday life
- human-nature relationships of different audiences and/or in relation to different environments, e.g. rural and urban nature
- human-nature conceptualizations on different levels of public discourse: legal, political, social and cultural frameworks
- social innovation in biodiversity research, e.g. citizen science
- digital innovation in environmental communication and knowledge transfer

We invite both empirical and conceptual contributions to respond to these and other related questions. The special issue will respond not only to scientific calls for more reflective actions



to socio-ecological challenges in the context of destructive human-environment relationships in a current and perspective manner but also to a timely societal debate and policy discourse.

The call explicitly reaches out for the submission of innovative approaches to research questions that address the major challenges of our time, such as climate change and the ongoing loss of biodiversity against the background of the Anthropocene. This includes new and/or experimental approaches, questions, methodologies, collaborations of contributors in the areas Environmental Humanities, Ecocriticism, Philosophy, Social Science, Citizen Science, City Planning, Architecture, Biology, Education, Policy Making, Medical Professions, Media Sciences and Urban Studies.

#### Abstract Submission Process

- Abstract submission: May 03, 2021  
Abstracts of max. 350 words (references excluded) should summarize an argument addressing the above questions and concepts.
- Invitation to submit a full paper: June 2021
- Full paper due: October 31, 2021
- Special issue in print: expected Autumn 2022
- Correspondence to: [peopleandnature@mfn.berlin](mailto:peopleandnature@mfn.berlin)

Authors must comply with the Taylor & Francis editorial guidelines for research papers:  
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The guidelines will be strictly enforced, starting from the initial evaluation of whether the submission warrants external review.

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