

[Call for papers- The Northern Mediterranean Archipelago: Environmental Histories of Adriatic, Ionian, Tyrrhenian and Ligurian Islands](#)

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The focus of this Special Issue is the area of *Northern Mediterranean*, with a particular interest in its islands. In this instance, Northern Mediterranean is defined as the area covering the Adriatic, Ionian, Tyrrhenian, and Ligurian seas- a space bound together by multiple ties. Alongside similar climate, these include the movements, migrations and circulation of people, plants and animals within the area, as well as the shared transnational history of trade, agriculture and animal husbandry- all transforming and re-transforming its landscapes for millenia. Among these shared transforming forces is also tourism, which, for better or worse, is a modern reality across the area.

Building on this wealth of entanglements, the envisaged volume shall examine the islands of Northern Mediterranean as one archipelago, while also delving into the variety and diversity of these islands, approaching each of them as a dynamic entity on its own terms.

Recent scholarship has challenged the view of islands as mere backdrops history by presenting them, in contrast, as its crucial and dynamic shapers. This issue aims to contribute to this discourse, further challenging the notion of islands as detached, isolated, or ahistorical. Through a collection of environmental histories of the Northern Mediterranean archipelago in particular, this volume aims to discuss its islands as the locales of state-making, trade, communication, circulation and movement of humans and other-than-humans through time.

Within the broader theme of **entanglements, transformations, and movements** in the context of islands of the Adriatic, Ionian, Tyrrhenian, and Ligurian seas, we welcome

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contributions which include, but are not limited to, the following sub-themes:

Dynamics of (Is)landscapes:

Transformations and changes of islands from swamps and arid lands, fortresses, military garrisons or prison camp sites, to national parks and tourist hotspots.

Changes through time: from sweeping anthropogenic projects to longue duree transformations.

The (dis)connected islands:

Circulation of humans, information, goods, plants and animals among the islands in various contexts- from trade and tourism to conflict, incarceration, exile and refuge.

Micro and macro migrations:

Movement: within the islands- inland to coast and vice versa

Voyaging: to and from the islands in various contexts

Leaving the island life: the emptying of islands' villages and towns,

Homes of the Peculiar:

Endemic species, stories, customs and cultures

Idiosyncrasies pertaining to the island life in the Northern Mediterranean

Please send your abstract of no more than 300 words, accompanied with a brief biographical note by 30 August 2022.

The tentative deadline for submission of final manuscripts is February 2023.

Papers will be **peer-reviewed** by two anonymous reviewers.

Please submit your papers to the e-mail addresses of the editors.

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