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Call for Papers: Introduction

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RESILIENCE: EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION, AND ECOLOGY

Collectively and individually, almost a quarter of a century into a new millennium, we have crossed predictable and predicted uncanny thresholds that can best be labeled as “points of no return” or “nothing has prepared humanity for this.” The “this” is a ‘perfect storm’ of multiple and daunting challenges caused by the consequences of overpopulation, rampant unjustifiable consumerism, sedentarism, undue or ineffective preoccupation with superficial notions of identity, the spread and continuing self-evolution of AI systems in the hands of corporations, and the ensuing degradation of Earth’s systems for profit or ideological aims. These uncanny thresholds oftentimes might lead to *pan-anxiety*.

To paraphrase the wiser words of Paul Shepard and E. O. Wilson, and from an ecopsychological perspective, the above psycho-socio-techno-economic infliction points emerge within a context of enduring paleolithic emotions, medieval institutions, and god-like technology. To caricaturize, this is the case of an old dog, settled and comfortable, unwilling or unable to learn new tricks (or better yet, archaic wolf-like tricks). Shifting into survival and reorganization modes when facing unpredictable and chaotic climate changes, social upheaval, and uncertain odds requires rethinking and working on communal and personal resilience.

In rethinking and working on communal and personal resilience it pays to begin by honestly acknowledging our present *chimeric ontology* (E. O. Wilson’s “chimera of evolution”), assuming, in education and communication efforts, that we are addressing humanity (individuals) as a shifting ensemble of paleolithic emotions (prone to tribalism), responsive still to medieval institutions (authoritative regimes; following populist and charismatic leaders), and god-like technology (the inevitability of further alienation caused by the advent of AI systems for mass control).

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Call for Papers: Guidelines

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While mindful of the exigencies previewed in the preceding introduction, presenters are asked to be creative around and address one or more of the interdisciplinary themes listed below (next) when preparing their submissions.

Submissions: A title and abstract (~400 words), with a preferred mode of presentation stated (e.g., 40-minute lecture, or workshop), should be submitted to (addressed to) George Conesa *or* Adam Wither at [intljournalcopsychology@gmail.com](mailto:intljournalecopsychology@gmail.com) by no later than May 1st, 2024, for consideration.

Interdisciplinary Themes

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EDUCATION

Information Literacy: When do We Start?
Museums as Hosts for Climate Engagement
Teaching Across the Curriculum (The Integrated Curriculum: Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Pedagogy)
The Classroom Outdoors
Scientific Literacy: When Do We Start?
From Eco-Anxiety to *Pan-Anxiety*: How Does One Properly Assuage? (*aleatory* vs. *epistemic* conceptions of uncertainty)

COMMUNICATION

Who is Our Audience? What is Their Attention Span?
How Does One Convey the Inevitability of Our New Era?
Who Are Our Partners?
Circles, Narratives, and Performances
Teaching Respectful and Edifying Discourse (Revisiting Robert's Rules of Order and Talking Sticks)

ECOLOGY

Systems Thinking: When do We Start?
Learning Coping Strategies from Natural Systems (from Non-Human Animals)
The Human Body (in Ecological Terms)
What Does "Psychology" 'Do' for Ecology? (and vice versa)
Panarchic Cycles
Hierarchy, Unity, and Identity: From "I" to "WE"

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