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## **Territorial Bodies: World Culture in Crisis**

**Edited Collection CFP – [Warwick Series in the Humanities, Routledge](#)**

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In his discussion of the socio-ecological crisis of capitalism, Jason Moore dismisses the theoretical tendency to describe ‘twin’ social and environmental crises, arguing that ‘these are in fact a singular process of transformation that today we call a crisis’ (2011: 136). The 2023 *Territorial Bodies: World Culture in Crisis* conference proposed the notion of ‘territorial bodies’ as an analytical tool for addressing the singular socio-ecological crisis further. Taking inspiration from the Latin American feminist transnational concept of ‘body-territory’, the conference considered how the expanded notion of ‘territorial bodies’ offers a critical framework for addressing urgent social, ecological, and political challenges, from ecological breakdown to the rise of statelessness, to violence against women and racial exploitation (Gago, 2020: 95). Synthesising the interdisciplinary research of scholars from around the world, the conference explored themes such as aquatic territorial bodies, embodied extractivisms, commodity frontiers, and the body as a site of accumulation.

Our proposed edited collection, *Territorial Bodies: World Culture in Crisis*, builds on these discussions surrounding the intersection between ‘body’ and ‘territory’ in an era of socio-ecological crisis. We are calling for abstracts of **300 words** for **8,000 word** chapters which engage broadly with the concept of ‘territorial bodies’, from the extractive plunder and dispossession of land, to the violation of gendered bodies, to the exploitation of racialised bodies and uneven flows of migration. We invite chapters on a broad range of topics including but not limited to:

- The body as a site of crisis
- Territorial bodies in world-culture and the humanities
- The body as a site of resistance
- The body as a site of the removal of rights
- The body as a site of accumulation
- Violence and the gendered body
- Bodies without assigned territory
- Trauma and the body
- Embodied extractivism
- Disposable bodies
- Epidemics and ecological breakdown
- Embodied geographies
- Social reproduction theory

Abstracts of **300 words** and bios of **150 words** to be sent to [territorialbodies@gmail.com](mailto:territorialbodies@gmail.com) by **26<sup>th</sup> March 2023**. Final drafts predicted to be due December 2023, pending acceptance with Warwick Series in the Humanities (Routledge).

The following information should accompany any submission:

- Author's title, name, affiliation and position
- A brief biography (up to 150 words)
- Permission for any images used
- Copies of any relevant ethics clearances and disclosure of funding
- An acknowledgment that the work has not been previously published and is not under simultaneous consideration elsewhere

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