

Call for Submissions

PLATFORUM. 18TH EDITION

PlatForum is a peer-reviewed open access journal published by the graduate students of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Victoria. Committed to upholding a tradition of holistic anthropology, PlatForum welcomes a diverse range of topics and issues from all sub-disciplines and thematic focuses.

The theme for *PlatForum's* 18th volume is “Human Connections”

At the heart of anthropological inquiry is a fascination with human connections that transcend time, space, and realms of being. The connections we make with various people, objects, places, and other living and non-living beings critically shape our view and understanding of the world, as well as inform our sense of identity, purpose, and belonging within it. Meaningful relations that form the foundation of our personal and cultural worldviews are often ruptured due to others' inability to understand and accept these differences in human connection. Anthropological inquiry has shown that human difference is natural and that there is no one way to connect to these various entities, yet those outside of our academic discipline do not always see it this way. *How, then, can anthropology help to illuminate and work to preserve or protect vast arrays of human connections?*

Scope: The editors encourage submissions that exhibit an *applied* approach. How is anthropological knowledge being shared *beyond academia* and implemented into actual practice to transform everyday lives, challenge dominant narratives, and broaden perspectives in the public sphere? Below is a non-exhaustive list of potential ways to explore human connections in your submission:

Human connections to...

- Present and/or past practices
- Significant places/landscapes
- Ancestors, other living & non-living beings
- Non-human species
- Commodities, material goods
- Oneself

Connections that are...

- superficial/profound
- ephemeral/enduring
- shared/individual
- unique/unifying
- physical/spiritual

We are currently accepting the following submissions from **graduate students, specifically those who reside within a Canadian Department of Anthropology and/or Archaeology:**

- Papers/articles (Max. 20 pages)
- Scholarly reviews: *Books, Movies, Conferences or Speakers* (Max. 7 page)
- Photo essays: *Pertaining to Anthropological themes of journal* (Max. 7 pages)
- We would also like to welcome other creative submissions (*poetry, graphics, etc.*). If you would like to submit something under this category, please contact platform@uvic.ca to work out the details.
- Field notes: *Experiences, Short essays, or Critical Reflections from Field Work* (Max. 10 pages)
- Interviews *Person of Anthropological interest* (Max. 7 Pages)

Important submission information: Please be sure that all submissions are formatted per the PlatForum submission guidelines, which can be found under the “submissions” menu on our website:

Please e-mail attachments **as a Microsoft Word Doc**, and indicate “PlatForum Submission” in the subject field, to: platform@uvic.ca **Submission deadline is: April 30th, 2020.** Don't hesitate to ask us if you have any questions!