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# Anthropocene Feminism

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## CALL FOR PAPERS: Anthropocene Feminism

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C21's conference Anthropocene Feminism will consider the ways in which feminism has long been concerned with the Anthropocene, and what current interest in the Anthropocene might mean for feminism, in its evolving histories, theories, and practices. The conference seeks to highlight both why we need an Anthropocene feminism and why thinking the Anthropocene must come from feminism.

We begin with two sets of questions. First, how has feminism anticipated the concept of the Anthropocene, and what might it yet have to offer: how can feminism help us to historicize, challenge or refine the concept of the Anthropocene? what does feminism have to say to the claim that humans now act as a geological force in ways that are independent of or indifferent to social, cultural, or political will or intent? And equally important, is there (or should there be) an Anthropocene feminism: does feminism require a new formulation specific to the age of the Anthropocene? how should feminism in an anthropogenic age take up an altered relation to the nonhuman world?

We seek proposals for critical, historical, and theoretical papers or creative presentations that address the questions posed by the concept of Anthropocene feminism. Topics we imagine proposals pursuing include but are not limited to:

- feminist genealogies or epistemologies of the Anthropocene
- queer nature, queer ecologies, queer Anthropocene
- ecosexualities or ecofeminism and feminism and dark ecologies
- environmental racism and transnational feminist approaches
- the Anthropocene and the commons
- new materialism
- quantum entanglements and agential realism
- feminist science/environmental ethics and aesthetics and science studies in the Anthropocene
- Anthropocene feminism after capitalism
- cyborg futures, geo-engineering, speculative ecologies and feminism after the non-human turn
- Anthropocene utopianism/dystopianism and their antecedents

**Please send your abstract (up to 250 words) and a brief (1-page) CV by Friday, December 6 to Richard Grusin, Director, Center for 21st Century Studies, [c21@uwm.edu](mailto:c21@uwm.edu).**

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