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Call for papers

Issue nr. 1 vol. 6 (June 2019) of the journal *Lingue, Culture, Mediazioni / Languages Cultures Mediation* will focus on the following theme: **Knowledge Dissemination and Ethics in Environmental and Biodiversity Discourse** (see *Rationale* below) and will be edited by Paola Catenaccio, Giuliana Garzone, Maria Cristina Paganoni e Martin Reisigl.

Authors are invited to submit their papers (of about 6,000 words, references included) in Italian, or English, or French, or Spanish by uploading them on the journal website: http://www.ledonline.it/LCM-Journal.

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SCHEDULE

Deadline for paper submission:	15 January 2019
Notification of paper acceptance and request for reviewing:	28 February 2019
Deadline for revised version submission:	30 April 2019

RATIONALE

Knowledge Dissemination and Ethics in Environmental and Biodiversity Discourse
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In the last few decades environmental concerns have become prominent in public debate, qualifying as an important factor in corporate, political and scientific communication on account of their impact on people's lives and their enormous social, economic and institutional implications. The debate has highlighted the harmful effects of human activities on the biophysical environment, though on some issues (first and foremost climate change) the actual importance of the anthropic impact on the ecosystem has been stoutly contested.

Within this context, concerns for environmental protection, sustainability, biodiversity conservation etc. are being increasingly framed in terms of individual, organizational, institutional and political responsibilities, thus taking on a clearly ethical dimension. On its part, media coverage tends to intensify – and often simplify – problems, especially when something catastrophic happens, offering alarmist and dystopian narratives, which may have the effect of blurring ethical aspects in favour of scare-mongering.

This issue of LCM focuses on the linguistic encoding and discursive representation of ethical issues in environmental discourse from a variety of knowledge areas. Special emphasis is laid on the role of language and discourse as tools to disseminate knowledge about environmental concerns and shape people's opinions on the questions involved, including not only proactive and militant contributions (e.g. environmental education, sustainability, ecological production methods, grassroots projects in biodiversity, the green economy), but also sceptical or dissenting opinions (e.g. climate change negationism, fossil fuel lobbies, anti-environmentalist groups).

Especially welcome are methodological approaches drawing on CDA, genre analysis, contrastive linguistics and corpus linguistics.