

EDITORIAL

I am pleased to introduce this special issue of the Journal of Integrative and Innovative Humanities, titled **“Watery Entanglements”**. The volume arrives at a pivotal, timely moment, responding not only to the theoretical richness catalysing the rise of the Blue Humanities but also to the urgent ecological transformations reshaping the planet. This urgency is acutely felt across the globe, especially in Asia, where rapidly changing water ecologies, from monsoon shifts to coastal erosion and floods, are profoundly affecting ways of life and traditional community structures. While instant stopping natural phenomena may seem beyond human capacity, this issue posits that we can, and must, re-evaluate our relationship with watery nature and the values we assign to it.

The scholarship presented here builds on the imperative to reflect on the cultural narratives, histories, visual representations, and philosophical conceptualizations that define our intertwined existence with watery realms. In selecting these contributions, I aimed to ensure the volume offers a truly kaleidoscopic view of water’s essential role in our transforming world. The volume’s conceptual breadth is immediately signaled by Shengyuan Alan Wang’s paper, which illuminates the wider relationships among water, humans, and more-than-human species. Watery entanglement is never solely about human and aquatic components of the Earth.

A defining strength of this collection lies in its examinations that emerge from diverse geographical and conceptual perspectives across “Global South Asia”. Trang Dang’s work invites us to consider the ontological role of water in science-fiction film. Sonalika Chaturvedi takes us along the Mahanadi River to explore how it functions sociologically for people and communities. From the Mahanadi, Pranab Kumar Mandal leads us to the Adi Ganga to examine not only how the river intertwines with urban life, but also what sustainable river policies might entail.

Crucially, the articles in this volume reveal how cultural and creative practices open up alternative ways of perceiving and engaging with watery entanglements. Through film, storytelling, and lived engagements with rivers and coasts, the authors show that dwelling with watery nature is never a singular or universal practice. Rather, it is shaped by the specific cultural, historical, and ecological contexts through which people come to know, value, and live with water.

In this time of profound ecological transformation, these contributions remind us that abstract theory alone cannot generate new meanings or ways of living with watery worlds. Such insights emerge through situated experiences and imaginative practices that reveal the fluid relations linking humans, nonhumans, and the shifting environments we inhabit.

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