

Environmental issues breach some of journalism's established demarcations. Firstly, such issues are rarely only national or regional. Secondly, environmental issues, at least in some measure, cut across established editorial boundaries such as politics, business, technology, consumer issues, lifestyle and culture. And thirdly, since climate change is threatening to inflict mass mortality and species extinctions, the question arises of whether traditional professional dichotomies between 'objective' and 'balanced' versus 'advocacy' journalism are adequate. In any case, environmental journalism is a field of knowledge production characterised by interpretation and political strife — which is partly because it is heavily dependent on journalistic translations of scientific data. Thus, although the environment seemingly is local and tangible, it is increasingly also about politics, science and risk.

This lack of clear geographical, topical, political and moral demarcations is therefore pushing environmental journalism to relate to place, space and power in new ways. Yet, it is still written from a specific place and therefore inflected by local political, economic, geographical, media-related, professional and cultural factors in various ways. A good starting point for dialogue is, however, to focus on how larger, common issues are envisioned in different ways.

The goal of the special issue of *Journalism Studies* is therefore to bring out regional and cultural differences in the construction of environmental issues. In addition to comparative aspects, the aim is also to highlight some of the ways in which global issues challenge and/or cement established journalistic practices and their relations to place, space, power, objectivity, responsibility, accountability, risk etc. In overall terms, the objective is to bring together a broad range of original and up-to-date perspectives that illustrate differences across geographical and disciplinary boundaries.

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