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Call for Papers: Special issue of *The Journal of Social Encounters*:

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Deadline for abstracts: October 1, 2023. Please send an abstract of 150-200 words by October 1, 2023 to Dr. Ron Pagnucco, Journal of Social Encounters (JSE) Coordinating Editor, at rpagnucco@csbsju.edu. Feedback on the abstract will be provided in one week.

(Please note that essays not on the special issue theme also will be considered for publication.)

Essays may be on general themes or may be case studies. There are many acceptable essay topics for the special issue: these are some of them:

-- (A) Environment, Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding.

Possible topics include general overviews or case studies of domestic or regional/ international environmental conflict resolution and peacebuilding. -

-- (B) Environmental Justice issues in the US and Globally.

Possible topics include environmental justice issues such as Environmental Racism in the US., etc.; and global issues, such as the responsibilities of high carbon footprint countries to the low carbon footprint countries of the Global South.

-- (C) Environment and Human Security.

Possible topics include environment and health security; environment and food security; environment and economic security; and environment and other areas of human security.

-- (D) Environment and Sustainability.

Possible topics include general overviews or case studies of sustainability issues.

-- (E) Environment and Conflict.

Possible topics include climate change and conflict; environmental degradation and conflict; conflicts involved in transitions to renewable energy; impact of conflict on the environment, etc.

-- (F) Environmental Movements.

Possible topics include national or transnational environmental movements; biographies of environmental activists; case studies of environmental NGOs. etc.

-- (G) Human Rights and the Rights of the Environment.

Possible topics include the relationship between human rights and environmental defenders (for example, assaults on and assassinations of environmental activists); the right to a healthy environment, etc., and the rights of the environment; for example, do rivers have rights, should "Ecocide" be an international crime, etc.

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-- (H) UN Conferences, International/Regional Agreements on the Environment.

Possible topics include COP; the recent UN High Seas Treaty, etc.

-- (I) Religion, Culture and Environment.

Possible topics include indigenous traditions and the environment; world religions and the environment; Laudato Si, etc.

-- (J) The Impact of International and/or Domestic Actors on the Environment.

Possible topics include transnational corporations' resource extraction (such as mining, logging, etc.), conflict and the environment; national government policies/practices and their impact on the environment, such as the Brazilian government's policies on the Amazon rain forest, etc.

For further information, contact Dr. Ron Pagnucco, JSE Coordinating Editor,

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