

Launch of AJEE SI: indigenous philosophy in environmental education

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It is a pleasure to launch the Special Issue (SI) of the Australian Journal of Environmental Education, to celebrate Indigenous philosophy in environmental education. For the editorial group, this has been an important journey of learning and celebration as we have read and supported the works of committed researchers from around the world. Indigenous Philosophy in environmental education is the oldest education, being tens of thousands of years of continuity (slowed only in the last few centuries). Working towards its proliferation is one of the most important education tasks of our day.

In this mostly online presentation, the editors will overview the special issue, introduce Indigenous philosophy as a field of research, and bring together its contribution to environmental education, learning and beyond. Then, authors featured in the SI will present their research and implications for environmental education. The presentation will conclude with a panel for questions from the floor.

There are interesting commonalities across the research reports, for example there is significant reference to re-indigenization; an Indigenous-led movement of reconnecting the people of the planet with the planet in their local areas. There is love of place, respect for Elders, Indigenous leadership and authority, decolonisation, transformative learning, enmeshment with living places, learning to hear and feel communication with the more than human world, engaging with Indigenous narratives and ways of storying, and more. Several of the articles relate to continuous connection with now-damaged places, celebrating Indigenous connection of many types. We look forward to seeing you at the conference, online or in person.

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