

***“The Natural World” and the Shaping of Subjectivity***

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Drawing on anthropology, ecological psychology and ethnographic fieldwork among indigenous Runa people in the Ecuadorian Amazon, the project Francesca is developing at RCC is a book about the ways in which living in the tropical forest shapes in fundamental ways the kind of persons Runa indigenous children become. A central question Francesca seeks to address in the book regards the place of “the natural world” in the shaping of subjectivity.