

## The New Alliance: Environmental Humanities

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In Spain, there is still a lack of understanding of what Environmental Humanities may bring to the work done by scholars in the humanities and how this can affect the ways in which different stakeholders face the challenges of sustainability. With this in mind, this project aims at finding ways in which to communicate the potential of the field of EH as a tool, which might enhance the creation of empathy spaces where imagination and emotional aspects that are decisive for moral education are cultivated. In this sense, the objective of this project is to find ways of incorporating EH into the Spanish higher education curriculum. This objective is articulated in two main goals:

1) On a scholarly level, I intend to write an article in Spanish on the origins and establishment of the field of EH in Europe using the case of the RCC as a means of illustration. With this, I envision the possibility of establishing the groundwork for the incorporation of more Spanish scholars to EH and recognition of the field by academic institutions and the administration.

2) On an educational and administrative level, I intend to conduct work towards the planning of a postgraduate program to be implemented at the College of Humanities of the University of Extremadura (Cáceres, Spain). The many diverse but individual efforts in this field could herald a successful future for the EH in this geographical area of Spain, which is known for its environmental interest.