



**Call for Multidisciplinary Panels in the Environmental Humanities
for the Conference**

**Beyond Dualism—Thinking Creatively Across Worlds
8–10 July 2026**

Scholars in the environmental humanities have for some time noted the need for new approaches in understanding a world that is deeply affected by exploitation of resources, diversity loss, and environmental injustice. They recognize that dualistic concepts, such as nature–culture, humans–more-than-humans, that have been deeply embedded in Western intellectual thinking have produced hegemonic knowledge and created problems and conflicts small and large. Moreover, they have called for breaking down boundaries between conventional disciplines to imagine new, more just and more convivial perspectives for life on the planet.

This conference organized by the Rachel Carson Center seeks to understand and to creatively challenge the world of binaries and boundaries through the discussion of work that is inter- and/or transdisciplinary and genuinely collaborative. It explicitly calls for full panels that bring together humanities scholars with scholars and experts from other but related disciplines (e.g., natural sciences, social sciences) or fields of practice (e.g., education, science communication, planning).

Papers should present empirical case studies that open new ways of understanding and that help to overcome one of the following dualities:

- Humans–More-Than-Humans
- Scarcity–Abundance
- Ideas–Matter
- Environments–Technologies.

Preference will be given to panels that bring together scholars from diverse disciplinary backgrounds and offer critical perspectives and ideas for reflection, practice, and action.

Successful panelists will be invited to Tutzing Castle/ Ev. Akademie Tutzing (south of Munich) from 8–10 July 2026. Travel, food, and board will be paid for by the Rachel Carson Center and its project "[Strengthening the Environmental Humanities](#)," which is funded by the Volkswagen Foundation through its "Hochschule der Zukunft / University of the Future" funding line.

To apply, please submit a 400-word description of the panel and a list of three to four panelists (including two-page CVs for each) to conferences@rcc.lmu.de by **1 October 2025**.