

CALL FOR PAPERS - *THE JOURNAL OF CULTURE*

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The Journal of Culture, a peer-reviewed journal published by the Institute of Ethnology at Charles University in Prague, Czech, is calling for contributions to an issue focused on the relationship between health and ecology, guest-edited by Jana Kopelent Rehak (Department of Anthropology, University Maryland), Alexander Rödlach (Department of Cultural and Social Studies, Creighton University) and Barbora Půtová (Institute of Ethnology, Charles University). We are looking for papers discussing concepts of wellbeing and health from a holistic perspective in relationship to the element of water within a larger ecological paradigm, as well as practices associated with these concepts, aiming at nurturing and restoring wellbeing and health through medical, complementary and alternative approaches and interventions.

In particular, we are interested in anthropological papers that will discuss the intersection of traditional and modern medicine, while considering the role and use of water in promoting and restoring health and wellbeing. Based on a holistic approach to health, we will accept papers exploring one or more areas of physical, mental, spiritual, social, economic and other components of health. We welcome articles grounded in ethnographic, anthropological and qualitative research, analyzing culturally defined concepts of health and wellbeing as well as the role of preventive and healing practices affiliated with water.

The completed manuscripts should be no longer than 8,000 words and can be written in Czech, English, French or German. All figures, images and graphs should be in grey scale.

The completed papers should be sent by **September 30, 2019** to the editors of this special issue:

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