

Foreword

I am pleased to write this foreword for the July 2025 issue (Vol. 1, Issue 2) of *Entanglements: Journal of Posthumanities*, a critical space committed to fostering dialogues not just between humans, but among humans, microbes, plants, animals, environments, systems, and technology. My teaching and research experience spanning more than two decades has instilled in me a critical scepticism about the foundational values and principles of the humanities and social sciences. I have often realized that humanities and social sciences are at the crossroads. Humanity's fate, in an age of planetary crises, appears more uncertain and perplexing than ever. One such perplexed question follows: what it means to think historically after the human? It is certainly not to negate and discard altogether the values and ideas of Enlightenment modernity, but to reimagine its foundations. Such reimagining might entail finding history re-embedded in a more-than-human world, not entirely preoccupied with the chronicles of intergenerational conflicts, struggles, and human stewardship of this planet.

This issue presents a rich tapestry of entangled ideas and thoughts from urban history, war-torn Land of Israel, cinema, algorithmic control, human-animal studies, multispecies synergies, and artificial intelligence. I am happy to find some articles here, which were presented in an international conference (“Thinking Other-Wise’: Posthumanism and Human-Animal Studies”), organised by the CRP, Bankura University last April. I was struck by the vast and diverse range of ideas that the presenters demonstrated during the conference. While I was researching on my keynote address (“Human-Animal Relationship: An Evolutionary Framework in Global Context”) for the conference, I was equally fascinated by the richness and potential of this burgeoning field of enquiry. I do believe that this issue will mark a significant contribution to posthumanities.



I extend my thanks to all the contributors, peer reviewers, editorial board members, members of the advisory committee for their hard work, patience and unflinching faith in posthumanities.

I sincerely hope that this issue is going to provoke and foster further dialogues.

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