



EDITORIAL

The uncertainties created by the COVID19 pandemic have forced us to reconsider modes of interactions between the various groups that populate the Earth. It has particularly thrown into sharp relief the already tenuous relationship between the human and the non-human world, making it imperative for us to re-assess our position in the larger order of things. The fact that the human race, among all other species, has had the most degrading effect on the environment has led geologists to christen our present era the Anthropocene; effects of this degradation have been all-pervasive and all academic disciplines have responded with an attempt to green themselves in a bid to address this.

The premier issue of SAMUDRA approaches the Anthropocene from the perspectives of several disciplines – economics, social work, visual arts and literary studies. These articles written by experts and practitioners in their respective fields as well as by academics and scholars offer us multiple ways of considering the Anthropocene itself.

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