Queering Ecologies
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Queering Ecologies explores strategies for understanding, producing, and inhabiting diverse environmental relations. The course’s aim is to work towards novel political-ecological approaches adequate to 21st century environmental challenges. This course revolves around the idea of ‘queering’, which is understood in two complementary ways:

• as an oppositional stance to normative sexual and gender arrangements (male/female, masculine/feminine); and,

• as a strategy for disrupting the boundaries between nature/society and human/nonhuman.

By drawing on literatures ranging from queer and feminist scholarship to science fiction, and through interactive and written assignments, students will investigate how disrupting conventional and gendered boundaries opens up opportunities for discovering creative and affirmatives ways of inhabiting the world that recognize, learn from and intervene in longstanding patterns of exclusion and violence. Among short readings, artwork and outdoor activities our core required texts are:
