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PROPERTY represents the contact point between humans and nature. It symbolizes the pervasive control and impact that humans have had on the environment. Through the logic of occupation, appropriation and the value assigned to the land and its resources, property creates spaces and gives shape to the idea of “nature”, endows it with historicity. Given this central role that property plays in the human interaction and conception of nature, it is crucial to grasp its inherent ethical content in the understanding of economic, legal and political spheres of the current environmental challenges. All these questions are related to topics of economics, law, philosophy, anthropology, geography and ecology. The intrinsic interdisciplinary value of the topic demands to take into account the historical dimension explaining metamorphosis over time.

Bringing together established scholars from a diverse spectrum of disciplinary, geographic and ideological perspectives, the Special Issue of the *Journal of Interdisciplinary History of Ideas* on **Nature and Property** seeks to provide a sophisticated, interdisciplinary analysis of the rules that govern people’s access to and control over land and its natural resources. The aim is to provide an analysis at both local and global level, along with a variety of perspectives including legal aspects, the market, the state, and more generally, society.

Incorporating both theoretical and practical expertise, this Issue will provide an overview of the various approaches used in social sciences to place nature and property in the modern imagination through a truly interdisciplinary and comprehensive treatment. In doing so, it will examine the differing ideas of how

“nature” informs property rights; *quid pro quo* the impact that legal, economic or political choices have on the ethics of nature.

Contributions in this issue adopt a self-reflective perspective and take seriously the constitutive relationship of the “social conditions” and “arrangements” in the making of economic, political and legal regimes to provide a sophisticated analysis of how social forces shape our relationship with natural resources such as soil, water, fruits of the earth and dwelling spaces, and what changes took place. Thereby, contributions shall use the historical dimension as a common thread for theorizing the evolution of our relationship with non-human nature in social sciences.

Through a combination of empirical, historical and theoretical approaches from scholars in diverse fields of expertise, the Special Issue offers a valuable tool for social scientists to have a better understanding of their fields interact with one another, and to confront governance today in addressing unprecedented global crises related to climate change.