



A Message of Fellowship to our Colleagues at the
'Ecological Literature and Environmental Education'
Conference, Peking University, Beijing, P.R. China,
from the ecological humanities group

We in Australia congratulate you on your initiative in imagining and working toward a "New Enlightenment Movement". Although it is not possible for all of us to attend the conference, our thoughts are with you as you open up this important and timely Asia-Pacific conversation about the future of life on Earth.

The ecological humanities bring together ways of knowing and interacting with the world from the sciences and the humanities, as well as from indigenous and other diverse worldviews, nourishing the connectivities and possibilities that these dialogues produce for people and for the more-than-human environment. We are responding to the crisis of massive environmental losses, now being accelerated by global climate change. We understand our challenge to be that of finding the courage to question our most basic cultural narratives. We know that this challenge cannot be faced without collegiate dialogue across cultures and regions, and we hope your conference will be the beginning of significant new collaborations within and beyond our region. You are warmly invited to visit our website, and to read our 'Invitation'.¹ Many of our publications are free on-line at www.australianhumanitiesreview.org.

Congratulations to the organisers and sponsors of this important event. We look forward to future conversations and collaboration.

We hope that you have an enjoyable and productive conference.

¹ <http://www.australianhumanitiesreview.org/archive/Issue-April-2004/rose.html>

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