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Welcome to the inaugural issue of *Call to Earth*, the official journal of the International Association for Environmental Philosophy. The mission of *Call to Earth* is the same as the mission of the Association:

\*to embrace a broad understanding of environmental philosophy, including not only environmental ethics, but also environmental aesthetics, ontology, and theology, the philosophy of science, ecofeminism, and the philosophy of technology.

\*to welcome a diversity of approaches to environmental issues, including the many schools of Continental Philosophy, studies in history of philosophy, and the tradition of American Philosophy.

\*to encourage joining with other academic disciplines and to support interdisciplinary scholarship.

In an effort to situate the role of philosophical thinking within a field of study that is inherently interdisciplinary, the editor has prepared a short essay focusing on the "role" of "philosophy" in the overall, interdisciplinary endeavor called "environmental studies." These reflections are meant as an initial invitation for all of us to think through this issue. The journal welcomes responses and ensuing discussions.

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