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This special issue focuses on connected histories of science, technology and socio-ecological change in what we call the “postcolonial Anthropocene.” We used this term to guide the papers in this issue towards research questions that interrogate both human-nature relations and postcolonial relations, as entangled components of each inquiry. Of course, both constituent terms ‘postcolonial’ and ‘Anthropocene’ are contentious and much-debated, with diverse connotations and perceived implications to diverse readerships; using both together can be a risky business. We nevertheless chose to do so, because we felt that, both in historiography and in wider academic discourses, Anthropocene and postcolonial research perspectives have too often remained poorly connected—despite the growing number of scholars arguing that Anthropocene research must include postcolonial perspectives and *vice versa*. In this introductory essay, we begin by discussing specific lines of (postcolonial) Anthropocene scholarship we chose to connect to, before we specify this issue’s overarching research questions and introduce the context and content

of the individual papers. (From the introduction)

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