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How the climate has become an issue of the century.

The summer of 2019 has brought us something entirely new: the month of July has ranked as the warmest month to have ever been measured in the world, while in August, Iceland has made a spectacular commemorative gesture for one of the largest glaciers of Europe, which as of now has completely disappeared from its territory.

At the start of a new school year, the question of climate change is a hot topic. Thanks to efforts of social activists to make it public, its intensity has been on the rise. Nowadays, its acuteness is stressed by our own experience, that eliminates numbers from the abstraction and gives them a touch with reality. In these scorching heat waves that have lost their uniqueness, the climate is literally surviving on the edge - in trying moments of life style reorganisation, work and transport reorganisation, in moments when body cannot cope, and when forgotten weaknesses are revealed. The climate change is not only a number anymore, nor a curve, nor even a theme of engaging cinematography or catastrophic literature, it has become a real individual and collective experience.

Within the history of environmental concerns, the climate currently keeps the central role, overshadowing the pollution and biodiversity issues. At the heart of worldwide discussion about the living conditions on the Earth, it is no more a long-term scientific question, far away from our consideration. It has become our issue, here and now, a case of degrees becoming an issue of the century.