

Reading list – ARKE01, Environmental Humanities: New Perspectives on Global Sustainability, 3 credits

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The literature is available through Finn, unless otherwise stated.

Required reading (270 p.)

Introduction

Heyd, Thomas (2023). "Climate Change and the Environmental Humanities." Included in: *Handbook of the Philosophy of Climate Change*. Pellegrino, Gianfranco & Di Paola, Marcello (eds.). Cham: Springer, p. 337 – 359.

Shue, Henry (2014). "Changing images of climate change: human rights and future generations." Included in: *Journal of Human Rights and the Environment* 5, p. 50-64.

Temporality

Ingold, Tim (1993). "The Temporality of the Landscape." Included in: *World Archaeology* 25 (2), p. 152–174.

Steffen, Will, Grinevald, Jacques, Crutzen, Paul & McNeill John (2011). "The Anthropocene: conceptual and historical perspectives." Included in: *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A: Mathematical, physical and engineering sciences* 369, no 1938, p. 842-867.

Yacobi, Ben G. (2021). "Human Life and Deep Time." Included in: *Journal of Philosophy of Life* 11, no. 2, p. 173-178

Posthumanism and the Blue Humanities

Alaimo, Stacy (2016). Excerpt from *Exposed: Environmental Pleasures and Politics in Posthuman Times*. Minnesota: University of Minnesota Press. (Excerpts are provided on Canvas.)

Draesner, Ulrike (2025). Excerpts from *Channel Swimmer*, trans. Rebecca Braun. New York: Upper West Side Publishers. (Excerpts are provided on Canvas).

Neimanis, Astrida (2017). "Introduction: Figuring Bodies of Water." Included in: *Bodies of Water: Posthuman Feminist Phenomenology*. London: Bloomsbury Academic, p. 1–26.

Environmental Conflict

Hay, Amy Marie (2011). "'A Kind of Mylai ... Against the Indochinese Countryside': American Scientists, Herbicides, and South Vietnamese Mangrove Forests." Included in: *Environmental Change and Agricultural Sustainability in the Mekong Delta*. Stewart, Mart A. & Coclanis, Peter A. (eds). Advances in Global Change Research, vol 45. Dordrecht: Springer, p. 69-81.

McNeill, John Robert (2004). "Woods and Warfare in World History". Included in: *Environmental History* 9 (3), p. 388–410.

Critical Plant Studies

Wall Kimmerer, Robin (2013). "The Three Sisters." Included in: *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teaching of Plants*. London: Penguin Books Ltd. (Excerpt available on Canvas, 13 p.)

Le Guin, Ursula K. *Vaster Than Empires and More Slow*. New York: HarperCollins Publishers. (Available on Canvas.)

Anthropocene

Boivin, Nicole L., Zeder, Melinda A., Fuller, Dorian Q., Crowther, Alison, Larson, Greger, Erlandson, Jon M., Denham, Tim & Petraglia, Michael D. (2016). "Ecological consequences of human niche construction: Examining long-term anthropogenic shaping of global species distributions." Included in: *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* volume 113, no 23, p. 6388-6396.

Fredengren, Christina (2018). "Re-wilding the Environmental Humanities. A Deep Time Comment." Included in: *Current Swedish Archaeology*, vol. 26, p. 50-60.

Malm, Andreas & Hornborg, Alf (2014). "The geology of mankind? A critique of the Anthropocene narrative." Included in: *The anthropocene review*, volume 1, no 1, p. 62-69.

Riede, Felix (2021). "*Deep Pasts – Deep Futures A Palaeoenvironmental Humanities Perspective from the Stone Age to the Human Age.*" Included in: *Current Swedish Archaeology*, vol. 26, p. 11-28.

Selsvold, Irene & Webb, Lewis (2020). "The Romans and the Anthropocene: posthuman provocations". Included in: *Beyond the Romans: Posthuman Perspectives in Roman Archaeology*. Selsvold, Irene & Webb, Lewis (eds.). Oxford & Philadelphia: Oxbow books, p. 109 – 124. (Available on Canvas.)

Waters, Colin et al. (2016). "The Anthropocene is functionally and stratigraphically distinct from the Holocene." Included in: *Science* 351, p. 137 – 147.

Justice

Broome, John (2010). "The Most Important Thing About Climate Change." Included in: *Public Policy: Why Ethics Matters*. Boston, Jonathan, Bradstock, Andrew & Eng, David (eds.). Canberra: Australian National University Press, p. 101-116. (Available on Canvas.)

Goodhart, Michael (2023). "Climate Change and the Politics of Responsibility." Included in: *Perspectives on Politics*, vol 21 (2), p. 550-568. (Available on Canvas.)

Scranton, Roy (2015). *Learning to Die in the Anthropocene: Reflections on the End of Civilization*. San Francisco: City Lights Publishers. Introduction + Coda (19 p).