

**Kim Calder**  
**Part One: Theory (Professor Ursula Heise)**  
**“The Idea of Natural History”**

**Primary:**

Linnaeus, Carolus: *Systema Naturae* (excerpts) (1735)

Kant, Immanuel: “Conjectures on the Beginning of Human History” (1786)

Darwin, Charles: *On The Origin of Species* (1859)

Marx, Karl: *Capital Vol. 1* Ch. 14-15 (1867); “Theses on Feuerbach” (1924)

Engels, Frederick: *Anti-Dühring* (1877); *Dialectics of Nature* (1883) (excerpts)

Nietzsche, Friedrich: “On the Use and Abuse of History for Life” (1874)

Bergson, Henri: *Creative Evolution* (1907)

Heidegger, Martin: *Being and Time* (animal excerpts) (1927); *The Fundamental Concepts of Metaphysics* (1929, 1930)

Benjamin, Walter: “Theses on the Philosophy of History,” (1940) “Draft N” + other sections of *The Arcades Project* (1927-1940)

Merleau-Ponty: *Phenomenology of Perception* (Preface) (1945); “Cezanne’s Doubt” (*Sense and Nonsense*, 1948); “The Chiasm” (*The Visible and the Invisible*, 1964)

Adorno, Theodor: “The Idea of Natural History” (1932); *Dialectic of Enlightenment* (“Introduction” and “The Concept of Enlightenment”) (1944); *Negative Dialectics* (Part III, philosophy of history) (1966)

Foucault, Michel: *The Birth of the Clinic* (1963); *The Order of Things* (1966) (natural science excerpts/botany)

Georg Canguilhem: *Knowledge of Life* (1965)

Deleuze, Gilles and Felix Guattari: *A Thousand Plateaus*, intro and other excerpts (1980)

Latour, Bruno: *We Have Never Been Modern* (1991)

Ulrich Beck, "The Cosmopolitanism Manifesto" (1998, *New Statesman*)

Robbins, Bruce: *Feeling Global: Internationalism in Distress* (Intro & Chs. 1, 8) (1999)

Crutzen, Paul: "Geology of Mankind" (2002, *Nature*)

Agamben, Giorgio: *The Open: Man and Animal* (2003)

Spivak, Gayatri: *Death of a Discipline* (Ch. 3: "Planetarity") (2005)

Badiou, Alain: *The Century* (2005); *Logics of Worlds* (on the Paris commune & Rousseau)

Derrida, Jacques: *The Animal That Therefore I Am* (2006); *The Beast and the Sovereign Vol. 1* (2011)

Crutzen, Paul and Eugene Stoermer: "The Anthropocene: Are Humans Now Overwhelming the Great Forces of Nature?" (2007, *AMBIO: A Journal of the Human Environment*)

Meillassoux, Quentin: *After Finitude: An Essay on the Necessity of Contingency* (2008)

Dimock, Wai Chee: *Through Other Continents: American Literature Across Deep Time* (Introduction and Ch.8) (2008)

Chakrabarty, Dipesh: "The Climate of History: Four Theses," (2009, *Critical Inquiry*)

Brassier, Ray: *Nihil Unbound: Enlightenment and Extinction* (2010)

Zizek, Slavoj: *Living in the End Times: "Interlude 4: Apocalypse at the Gates"* (2010)

Mignolo, Walter: *The Darker Side of Western Modernity: Global Futures, Decolonial Options* (2011)

Simondon, Gilbert: *Two Lessons on Animal and Man* (2012)

### **Secondary:**

Crosby, Alfred: *Germs, Seeds, and Animals: Studies in Ecological History* (1993)

Lampert, Jay: *Deleuze and Guattari's Philosophy of History* (2006)

Mann, Charles: *1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus* (2006)

Handley, George: *New World Poetics: Nature and the Adamic Imagination of Whitman, Neruda, and Walcott* (Ch. 1 & Walcott) (2007)

Barrow, Mark: *Nature's Ghosts: Confronting Extinction from the Age of Jefferson to the Age of Ecology* (Ch. 1) (2009)

Cook, Deborah: *Adorno on Nature* (2011)

Carroll, Joseph: *Reading Human Nature: Literary Darwinism in Theory and Practice* (2011)

Boyd, Brian: "For Evocriticism: Minds Shaped to be Reshaped" (2012)

Carroll, Joseph: "An Open Letter to Jonathan Kramnick" (2012)

Kramnick, Jonathan: "Against Literary Darwinism" (2011) and "Literary Studies and Science: A Reply to my Critics" (2012)

McGurl, Mark: "The Posthuman Comedy," (2012)

Kolbert, Elizabeth: *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History* (2014)