At War with our Mother

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Reading and Media

Books


Malfeasance, by Michel Serres (2011). Noted French philosopher looks at how we humans mark our territories and claim possession.

Landscape and Memory, Simon Schama (1995), exploring our relationship with specifics landscapes, how they have shaped us.

Climate Chaos; Lessons on Survival from our Ancestors, by Brian Fagan & Nadia Durrani (2021). A brilliant look at the rise and fall of civilizations from a climate perspective.

anything by Bruno Latour, but for this study, especially Facing Gaia (transl by Catherine Porter, 2017). Latour remains a controversial figure, full of fascinating out-of-the-box thinking, while often, or simultaneously bordering on mysticism or incomprehensibility. Well worth reading for, agree or disagree, he shakes up complacency. Facing Gaia comes to the defense of Lovelock, while at the same time critiques the way in which writers and commentators (like me in this course), far too casually use terms like “Gaia” and “Earth”.


Climate Change in Human History: Prehistory to the Present, by Benjamin Lieberman & Elizabeth Gordon (2018). Clear overview of its subject offering a fine introduction to the subject.
