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ANTHROPOGENESIS: ORIGINS AND ENDINGS IN THE ANTHROPOCENE

ABSTRACT: This lecture will address how the Anthropocene contains within it a form of Anthropogenesis—a new origin story and imagined ending for “Man”—a genesis that names a fossil-fuelled creature of geomorphological capabilities, operating at the scale of the planet. How are we to understand this new geologic subjectivity, its temporal, material and spatial horizons? How does the designation of a unitary geologic humanity fail to acknowledge gross differences in responsibility for Anthropogenic climate change? In contrast to the socially undifferentiated geomorphising of the Anthropocene, I will suggest some points of departure for thinking a more nuanced and differentiated “Geologic Life”.

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Coffee and refreshments at 3:15

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