The Amazon Beyond the Anthropocene

We will examine historical and literary representations of the Amazon from the Conquistadors’ search for El Dorado, the violent rubber boom, and oil drilling to the rampant present-day agro business. The destructive capitalist search for cheap nature and cheap labor has severely deforested one of the most diverse tropical rainforests of the world and nearly destroyed its indigenous peoples.

We will also look at Native perspectives beyond the antropocentric view of the world where all living creatures are part of one sustainable web of life.

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