
Department of Philosophy Speaker Series

The Inner Life of the Planet: Earth System Science in Moral Time

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In this talk, I look at the intellectual historian Dipesh Chakrabarty's engagement with Earth system and planetary sciences to reflect on the understanding of deep time at work in his account of planetary history as a new societal phenomenon. Using the category of moral time (time as told by moral relations), I argue that the scientific discourse Chakrabarty reproduces is socially alienated. In its place, I argue for a relationship to planetary science that is morally inflected and coded, a soulful relationship to the nature of Earth. One consequence of this argument is grounds for centering Earth system science in the wake of the Middle Passage as an ambivalent but needed discipline for addressing the legacies of colonialism, industrialism, fossil capitalism, and industrial production in some of their practical forms and predominant narratives shaping economies of scale.



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