



COURSE DESCRIPTION

2016 Winter Session (2016-2017 Academic Year)

ENGL 491B-002: The Ecological Turn in Theory and Literature - Deena Rymhs

Senior Honours Seminar - Theory

Term 1

Th, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

What if we make industry, energy dependencies, and sustainable futures relevant to literary criticism—or literary criticism relevant to them? What role can humanities scholarship serve in understanding the ecological, social, and epistemic implications of the Anthropocene, a new geological epoch shaped by human demand for energy? Drawing on a diverse archive of theory, literature, photography, documentary, and new media, this seminar is interested in how art and literary criticism can answer the representational challenges posed by slow and fast violence.