070.601 – Ecology and Perception

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A seminar in thinking and working, anthropologically, beyond related impasses of nature and culture, subject and object, the conceptual and the empirical, mind and world, us and them.

Requirements – Seminar participation; a paragraph on the week’s readings, shared via email in advance of class; a final paper, proposal, or project on a related topic of your choice.

Schedule and Readings –

January 29  Introduction
February 5  Claude Levi-Strauss, The Savage Mind
February 12  Levi-Strauss (continued)
February 19  Gregory Bateson, Steps to an Ecology of Mind
February 26  Bateson (continued)
March 5  Roy Wagner, An Anthropology of the Subject
March 12  Wagner (continued)
March 26  Philippe Descola, Beyond Nature and Culture
April 2  Descola (continued)
April 9  Eduardo Viveiros de Castro, From the Enemy’s Point of View
April 16  Viveiros de Castro, Cannibal Metaphysics, selections
April 23  Bruno Latour, An Inquiry into Modes of Existence: An Anthropology of the Moderns
April 30  Latour (continued)