

Planetary Politics: Foundations and Crisis

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This roundtable considers the problem of planetary politics by stepping back to consider our founding images and institutionalisations of the political as they have related to the Earth. Based around a series of commentaries on Stefanie Fishel and Anthony Burke's new book, *The Ecology Politic*, participants consider whether the modern state is doomed to remain irredeemably entangled with capitalism, an "extractive state" enacting a "sovereign ban of nature" that is now our foundational structure of international law and order. They ask what it means to live at the planetary scale when we are already acting at it, discuss the problematic ontologies of global climate and environmental governance, and consider the decolonial and new materialist vision of the Anthropocene the book argues. Is an Ecology Politic possible or desirable and are there further possibilities or lines of flight to be considered?

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