

# INAUGURAL ANTHROPOCENE SYMPOSIUM

PEOPLE,  
POLITICS & THE  
ENVIRONMENT  
IN THE ANTHROPOCENE

**NOV. 2**

9:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

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ROTUNDA

**"DISASTER SOVEREIGN:**

The Political Economy of Government  
as an Environment Making Institution."

The concept of the Anthropocene is immersed in politics at many scales, from global political discourse to community decision-making. Due to the dynamics of modern geopolitics, neoliberal policies and a long history of ecological imperialism, the effects of climate change and other anthropogenic impacts on the Earth and Earth system disproportionately impact people and places with less political and economic power. The science of the Anthropocene itself is situated within a complicated political context, as research may influence policy or be exploited for political purposes. In this event, sponsored by the Institute for the Advanced Study of Culture and the Environment and the Anthropocene Working Group, students, post-doctoral scholars, and faculty from across the University present research connected to this theme, looking at the interplay between the Anthropocene and politics. The keynote speaker, Dr. Christian Parenti, focuses on the environmental history of state involvement in American economic development, from the earliest days of the republic onward.

**SPEAKER**

**CHRISTIAN PARENTI**

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