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Biological Diversity & Human Experience

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This seminar will analyze how the problems related to diversity today have been conceived historically through the emergence of scientific fields that became independent from philosophy. This resulted from the discoveries of the nineteenth century, when such disciplinary boundaries had not yet been established. What is today biology and anthropology were then considered philosophical areas of inquiry. We would like to explore the development of new disciplines, particularly after the emergence of evolutionary science, address how the concept of humanity came to be, and the meaning of human experience in the context of evolutionary discoveries. We would also analyze how a return to research that integrates biological diversity with other disciplines can provide different epistemological insights. We contend that understanding diversity as a problem that is interdisciplinary and humanistic can help to integrate an ethical awareness that is critical for addressing institutional racism and other forms of discrimination in academia.

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