Capitalism's Ecologies

Culture, Power, and Crisis in the 21st Century

Editors: Jason W. Moore and Diana C. Gildea

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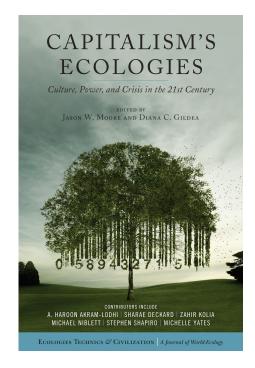
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