Whitehead’s Metaphysics and the Foundations of Environmental Ethics Revisited

Ten years after writing the first dissertation on environmental ethics, in 1986, Susan Armstrong published the essay: “Whitehead’s Metaphysical System as a Foundation for Environmental Ethics.” The goal of this presentation is to revisit Armstrong’s essay. My ultimate conclusion is that Armstrong’s dual thesis – that environmental ethics needs an adequate metaphysics and that Whitehead’s system is particularly useful in filling that need – continues to be true and deserves to be taken seriously by mainstream environmental ethics.

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