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What can society learn from the past?

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Some suggestions* for further reading:

- J. L. Brooke, *Climate Change and the Course of Global History: A Rough Journey* (2016)
- S. White et al, eds., *The Palgrave Handbook of Climate History* (2018)
- Lowenhaupt Tsing, *The Mushroom at the End of the World: on the possibility of life in capitalist ruins* (2015)
- L. Zhang, *The River, the Plain, and the State: An Environmental Drama in Northern Song China, 1048–1128* (2016)
- M. Elvin, *The Retreat of the Elephants: An Environmental History of China* (2004)
- Malm, *Fossil Capital: The Rise of Steam Power and the Roots of Global Warming* (2016)
- K. Harper, *The fate of Rome: climate, disease, and the end of an empire* (2017)
- J. R. McNeill, *Mosquito Empires: Ecology and War in the Greater Caribbean, 1620-1914* (2010)
- Latour, *Facing Gaia: Eight Lectures on the New Climatic Regime* (2017)
- Ghosh, *The Great Derangement: Climate Change and the Unthinkable* (2017)
- J. C. Scott, *Against the Grain: A Deep History of the Earliest States* (2018)

The animal dialogue referred to in the talk may be found in:

- Ikhwān al-Ṣafā’, *The case of the animals versus man before the King of the Jinn: a tenth-century ecological fable of the Pure Brethren of Basra*, trans. L. E. Goodman (1978), 51-9.
- Also in *The Penguin Anthology of Classical Arabic Literature*, trans. R. Irwin (1999), 195-203

*Interesting examples of work in this area, although some have been criticised by reviewers.