

The world we live in seems to be separated. Culture and nature are presented as two isolated subjects, having nothing more in common than taking place on the same planet. But the naturalist and essentialist view of humans being something different than nature, or, even worse being something better, is in itself wrong. All species are intertwined in their evolution and existence and this interconnectedness does not make an exception for us humans, „There is no time or place at which genetic ends and environment begins“ (HARAWAY 2003: p. 32)!

Without that distinction it would be only logical to rethink the feminist agenda. If feminism seeks to be radically inclusive and there is no distinction of human and non-human, wouldn't it be only logical to include all kinds of animals, insects and plants as legitimate voices in the name of representation (JON 2020: 400-401)?

Further, without the division of humans as something else, something better, the question of morality arises. How can one defend the pain, the slaughter of millions of lives, the devastation and contamination of habitats, or any other cruelty humans inflict onto this world in the name of their own superiority and advantage, any longer. But morality alone is not enough in our society, we live in a time of ostensible legitimacy where one will argue with „being allowed to do something“ or „not needing to do something“ no matter if it may be the wrong or right thing to do. So what we need is legal arguments with high effectiveness to back up what is clearly morally so right. Giving animals and ecosystems the status of a „juristical person“ would give them the legal means to get them out of their current asymmetry against the „natural person“ as well as the „juristical person“ (ADOLFF, BUSSE 2021: p.14).

I wan't to plead to those who could call themselves the „spokespeople“ of nature, there is an approach different to the current anthropocentric one. Protection of ecosystems and animals does not need to be argued with ecosystem services or calculated with natural capital, if we first fight for the rights that would back up our goals. The focus needs to shift, we need to fight for the rights that give the voice of nature actual juristical power! Avoiding outrage can no longer be a priority! Let us trigger some real emotion in order to achieve some real change!

