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**Creative Creatures:
How Things Drive Human History**

K pozvánce přikládáme charakteristiku přednášející a teze přednášky

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Creative Creatures: How Things Drive Human History

In recent years, neo-materialist scholars have moved beyond traditional constructivist theories of the past, calling instead for a renewed appreciation of the power of the material world to shape societies. By collapsing the analytical distinctions usually made between matter and culture, we can begin to better appreciate the many ways in which a dynamic material world acts as a creative force. Human culture stands not in opposition to this material creativity, but rather is embedded in and derives from it. To illustrate the analytical utility of this approach, I offer several concrete examples taken from historic human interactions with two powerful material actors: Longhorn cattle on the American western plains and silkworms in Japan.