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Both scientific realism and social constructionism offer unpromising and even destructive ways of trying to understand nature and human-nature relations. The reasons include what these apparent opponents share: a commitment to the (latterly) modernist division between subject/culture and object/nature that results from what is here called "monist essentialism." It is contrasted with "relational pluralism," which provides the basis of a better alternative—ecopluralism—which, properly understood, is necessarily both ecocentric and pluralist.

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