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Until recently, there has been relatively little self-conscious reflection—from either environmental or continental philosophers—on the specific contributions which continental philosophy, insofar as it is a distinctive tradition, might make to environmental thought. This situation has begun to change with several recent publications, such as Charles S. Brown and Ted Toadvine's (2003) edited collection *Ecophenomenology: Back to the Earth Itself*, and Bruce V. Foltz and Robert Frodeman's (2004) collection *Rethinking Nature: Essays in Environmental Philosophy*. This special issue aims to continue the discussion of how the continental tradition might advance or transform environmental thinking, both by reconsidering authors such as Kant, Schelling, Nietzsche and Heidegger, and by considering how themes and concepts from continental philosophy and social theory—including Merleau-Ponty's concept of flesh, Foucault's notion of discipline, and Bourdieu's social critique of taste—bear on environmental practice and theory.
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