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## Interview with Simon L. Lewis and Mark A. Maslin, authors of *The Human Planet: How We Created the Anthropocene*

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To some the Anthropocene symbolizes a future of superlative control of our environment. To others it is the height of hubris, the illusion of our mastery over nature. Whatever your view, just below the surface of this odd-sounding scientific word, the Anthropocene, is a heady mix of science, philosophy, and politics linked to our deepest fears and utopian visions. In *The Human Planet: How We Created the Anthropocene* (Yale UP, 2018), scientists Simon Lewis and Mark Maslin reveal a new view of human history and a new outlook for the future of humanity in the unstable world we have created. (Source: [New Books Network](#))

In this episode of *Van Leer Institute Series on Ideas with Renee Garfinkel*, Renee Garfinkel interviews Simon L. Lewis and Mark A. Maslin, authors of *The Human Planet: How We Created the Anthropocene*.

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