

# Litterature and references

Carl von Linné – Linnaeus Nature and Nation – Lisbet Koerner



Adam Smith - Rival Ecologies of Global Commerce: Adam Smith and the Natural Historians - Fredrik Jonsson



## First of all, who was Carl von Linné/Carlus Linneus?

- Preeminent figure in Natural history »
   Taxonomy
- Systema Naturae" in 1735 » Latin » Gender and
   Species
- Botanical taxonomy » Zoology and Mineralogy
- Layed foundation for modern biological sciences » How we classify things
- ...Swedish



## Second of all, who was Adam Smith?

 Scottish Philosopher and Economist (Founding father of modern Economics)

- "The Wealth of Nations" >>> Basic ideas of division of labor and the benefits of free trade
- Maybe the most influential social theorist of all time » Capitalism



#### Linnaeus - Nature and Nations - Lisbet Koerner

- The question: "What is the relation between nature and the economy?"
- Linnaeus answer: "Nature has arranged itself in such a way that each country produces something especially useful; the task for economics is to collect plants from other places and cultivate at home such things that don't want to grow here but can grow there"
- Linne' rejected Smith's theories »
  Considered trade parasitic
- Cameralism → Wanted an active and efficient state → Self serving nation



### Rival Ecologies of Global Commerce: Adam Smith and the Natural Historians - Fredrik Jonsson

- Smith meant that environmental stability was a necessity for stable markets
- Natural disadvantages should be coped with through liberal conditions and trade
- Cosmopolitans (free trade) and Economic Nationalists





How is Linné connected to Adam Smith

- Linné believed that experts should be given influence and authority
- Smith believed in the individuals free choice and the self-regulating capabilities» Competing ecological philosophies
- Linnés taxonomy and categorization connects to the comparative advantage → Did not agree in conclusion
- Smith criticized state intervention (East India company) and Linné deemed it necessary
- Interdisciplinary sciences of the time







# Climate change and Natural hisotory

- Linné believed in a Natural equilibrium which could be disturbed
- European colonizations effect on the climate
- Deforestation and settlement making the north cooler?
- Smith thought that land was the most important resource, agriculture » manufacturing » foreign commerce » Exemplifies strong bonds between natural and social history