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To incorporate a vision of the Other in the environmental responsibility where solidarity prevails and environmental care is developed as protection of the human being, whose real expression are the current generations.

Refers to the environmental crisis and responsibility; a broadening of the environmental responsibility horizons; and a re-reading of the responsibility of the environmental conceptions for present and future.

In environmental studies and the principle of responsibility, the question of the Other has a double consideration: one negative, where the polluting factor is emphasized, and another, as a category in which the Other is a non-considered entity, so the environmental care is limited to the control of the actions of the polluter or to an inefficient abstract.

There is a primacy of the sectorial vision in which the environment is reduced to natural resources susceptible to be exploited and in which there is a minimum consideration of the human condition in the environmental problem.

It is necessary to advance in the cultural reconfiguration of Western societies so that they overcome the conceptions of rationality that lead to the idea of an unlimited environment that can be exploited by human beings.

Overcoming the fractures between anthropocentrism and biocentrism and recognizing that environmentalism as a discursive formation, stands as a metanarrative that generates exclusions, requires recognizing the Other from the difference and without false altruistic positions.