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policymakers to reflect on their own inappropriately reductionist categories of thought which have cut them off from reality. As Chandler usefully points out, in the resilience framework it is the limits of reductionist liberal-universal forms of knowing that guide the policy discourse by enabling enhanced reflexivity and self-awareness. Chandler works out convincingly how the goal of resilience thinking is to disassemble the existing artifice of modern liberal knowledge in order to allow reality itself to unfold its spontaneous, unpredictable and unmanageable (read unknowable) governing potential. In sum, Chandler brings out brilliantly the governance ethos of resilience: governing though the reality of processes and relations rather than as a top-down imposition seeking to direct, manage or assert control over things (13).

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