

# THE CRITICAL POSTHUMANITIES

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#### THE POSTHUMAN CONDITION

A convergence phenomenon between

- post-humanism (critique of 'Man')
- and post-anthropocentrism (critique of Anthropos)

Producing a chain of theoretical, social and political effects Qualitative leap in new conceptual directions.

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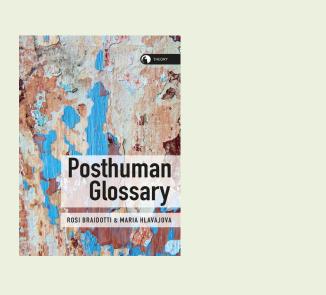
#### DIFFERENT KINDS OF POSTHUMANISM

- insurgent (Papadopoulos, 2010);
- speculative (Sterling, 2012: Roden, 2014);
- cultural (Herbrechter, 2013);
- literary (Nayar, 2013);
- trans-humanism (Bostrom, 2014);
- meta-humanism (Ferrando, 2013);
- a-humanism (MacCormack, 2014);
- posthuman manifesto (Pepperell, 2003);
- post-humanities book series (Wolfe, 2011).
- the 'new' human (Rosendhal Thomsen, 2013).

#### FEMINIST QUEER AND TRANS POSTHUMAN

- Halberstam, 1995, 2012
- Balsamo, 1996
- Hayles, 1999
- Braidotti, 2002, 2013
- Barad, 2007
- Giffney and Hird, 2008
- · Hird and Roberts, 2011
- Puar and Livingston, 2011
- Gruen and Weil, 2012
- Grusin, 2015
- Hayward and Weinstein, 2015
- Alsberg and Braidotti, 2018

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### THE HUMAN IS NOT A NEUTRAL TERM

- Humanity is not a neutral term but rather one that indexes access to specific powers, values and norms, privileges and entitlements, rights and visibility
- Sexualized, racialized and naturalized 'others'are less-than-human
- critical questions about the limits of humanist universalism were raised from the 18<sup>th</sup> century onwards = not restricted to postmodernist critiques

### THE CRITICAL POSTHUMANITIES

- Ecological Humanities
- Environmental humanities
  - Blue Humanities
  - Green Humanities
- Sustainable humanities
- · Interactive humanities
- Organic humanities
- Greater Humanities

The Digital Humanities (Hayles, 1999, 2005)
The Computational Humanities
Humanities by Numbers
Algorithmic Cultural Studies

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- Medical Humanities
- · Bio-humanities
- Neural-Evolutionary Humanities
- Translational Humanities
- Community Humanities
- · Resilient Humanities
- Public Humanities
- Civic Humanities

## META-DISCOURSES ON THE POSTHUMANITIES

- The Posthumanities (Wolfe, 2010)
- The Inhuman Humanities (Grosz, 2011)
- Transformative Humanities (Epstein, 2012)
- Critical Posthumanities (Braidotti, 2013)
- Nomadic Humanities (Stimpson, 2016)
- Adjectival Humanities (de Graef, 2016)

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#### **INSTITUTIONAL ANSWERS**

- Oxford trans-humanists 'Future of Humanity Institute'
- Cambridge Centre for the Study of Existential Risk
- · Linkoping Post humanities Hub (Cecilia Asberg)
- German 'Anthropocene' & 'Technosphere' projects, German National Museum and HKW, Berlin
- Posthumanism Research Institute, Brock University
- NYU Posthuman Research Group
- Posthuman Literary and Cultural Studies Research Group, University of New England

## **NEW JOURNALS**

Journal of Posthuman Studies, Ewha Institute for the Humanities, Korea

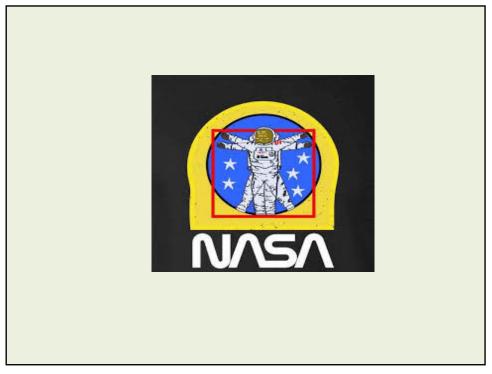
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Korea

Website: Critical Posthumanism Network

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### THE POSTHUMAN SUBJECT

Assume that the knowing subject is neither *homo universalis* nor *Anthropos* 

but a more complex – embodied and embedded, non-unitary, but relational and affective transversal subject

collaboratively linked to a material web of human and non-human agents

### NATURECULTURAL CONTINUUM

- · zoe/geo/techno-mediated.
- The philosophical roots of new materialism and non-deterministic naturalism (critical Spinozism; immanence, feminist politics of locations)
- vital materialism, machinic auto-poiesis, symbiosis, sym-poietics
- · Indigenous perspectivism
- · Relational process ontologies

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## TWO PILLARS OF CRITICAL POSTHUMANITIES

- 1. Digital Humanities
- 2. Environmental Humanities:
  - Green Humanities
  - Blue Humanities
  - Sustainable Humanities
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#### **COGNITIVE CAPITALISM**

- Cognitive and bio-genetic advanced capitalism and media and information technologies.
- Capital today = the informational power of living matter itself, its immanent qualities and self-organizing capacity
- Profits generated from the scientific and economic comprehension of all that lives.
- "Bio-piracy" (Shiva, 1997)

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#### PLANETARY CRITICAL POSTMANITIES

- Indigenous Environmental and Digital Humanities
- Postcolonial Green
- Decolonial Futures of Digital Media
- Transnational Environmental literary studies
- Indigenous knowledges and cosmologies

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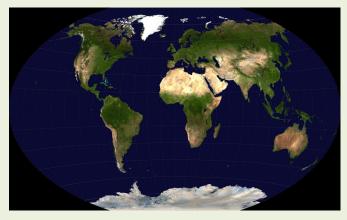
## PLANETARY CRITICAL POSTHUMANITIES

- Non-nationally Indexed Humanities
- Feminist/Queer Humanities
- Black Humanities
- Migrant/Diasporic Humanities
- Poor/Trailer Park Humanities
- De-colonial Humanities
- A Child's Humanities
- Otherwise-abled/Disabled Humanities

## PLANETARY POSTHUMAN ETHICS OF AFFIRMATION

"we"-are-in-this-together-but-we-are-not-one-and-the-same

## we-are-in-this-together-but-weare-not-one-and-the-same



to become in and with the world

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