

Terraforming Earth and Infrastructures of Autonomy

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Abstract

In the global algorithmic moves of technocapitalism terraforming does not only refer to the colonisation of other celestial bodies by remodelling their biosphere but also applies to the remaking of Earth: the endocolonisation of our own planet--a diverse and decentralised process without unified agency that transforms the ontology of earth space. Starting from a discussion of the socio-cultural and material conditions of this process, this talk explores alternatives to terraforming as worldforming practices. Radical politics here involves intensive collaborations between groups of humans and non-humans in order to create alter-ontologies of everyday existence. Politics becomes the making of infrastructures of life that embody alternatives in their materiality and intensify the autonomous and real-democratic making of the very fabric of space.