

Abstract

Environment and ecological crises have become the most discussed and debated issues of our contemporary world. The beginning of a new geological epoch, the Anthropocene, which marks an irretrievable degradation of ecological systems due to the parthenogenic human intrusion into the environment, has furthered the efforts to better address and impede such crises. This project joins the fray from a posthuman perspective, by connecting the posthuman and the environment, and situating itself in the postcolonial. Such a precise theoretical parallax view would necessitate diverse perspectives which encounter postcolonial, developing economies. While posthumanism allows us to interrogate human-centered development and human-centered philosophies, it also draws attention to not only the overwhelming dependency of humanity on technology, but also of the interconnectedness of different biological species and inorganic matter. Such an ethical break with our contemporaneous anthropocentric past is an absolute necessity if we are to engage with and assuage the looming ecological catastrophes. This project positions itself in the postcolonial socio-political and economic milieu precisely because the brunt of ecological catastrophes is born by similar countries, which are also partially deprived of advanced techno-scientific developments and ensuing knowledge production. Therefore, this project proposes an inception of the posthuman turn in postcolonial ecologies like India, and an examination of the affects of the Anthropocene on the postcolonial world. The project will critically theorize the concepts of postcolonialism, posthumanism and environment, and philosophize the interconnectedness between these concepts to derive a refreshed problematic which the Humanities as an academic discipline demands.

Keywords

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