



Feminism in the Anthropocene

Feminist philosopher, Elizabeth Grosz, engagingly probes the various ways in which feminist theory holds the potential to generate concepts that 'enable us to surround ourselves with the possibilities for being otherwise'. The Anthropocene, although a troubling concept in itself – locating humans at the center of being and belonging – denotes our current era of anthropogenic ecological disruption. The Anthropocene requires us to engage critically and think imaginatively about human relationalities with the more-than-human. What does feminism have to say to or about the Anthropocene? The paper introduces feminist insights and concepts that challenge teleological norms and straight narratives in the Anthropocene so as to enable 'possibilities for being otherwise'.

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