

AFROFUTURISM 2.0 & THE BLACK SPECULATIVE ART MOVEMENT

AFROFUTURISM → "a critical project with the mission of laying the groundwork for a humanity that is not bound up with the ideals of white enlightenment universalism"

- a body of systematic speculative black thought
- explores the overlap between race, art, science and design
- started in the 1990s

BLACK SPECULATIVE ARTS MOVEMENT & AFROFUTURISM 2.0 ⇨ overlap around the terms **SPECULATIVE & DESIGN**

- a move away and an answer to the Eurocentric perspective: black artists and activists want to tell their stories
- wonders if the history of African people has been deliberately erased and aims to recover it

• black speculative art is a creative practice integrating African diasporic or African metaphysics with science and tech

magic can be a gateway into the study of science

↳ see the work of Max Beauvoir

"between fantasy and exact knowledge there is an intermediary station: that of magic"

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SPECULATIVE FABULATION

- everyday storytelling practice of people!
- the ways non-professional people tell stories, wild facts
- not domesticated narrative, but the reign of fables, imagination

↳ fabulation

TENTACULAR THINKING :

ANTHROPOCENE, CAPITALOCENE, CHTHULUGENE

(very hard to see what was her point...)

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The term was coined in 1980s and refers to the fact that human activities had been of such magnitude

to merit the use of a new geological term for a new epoch

ongoing temporality that resists figuration and dating and demands myriad names

Gaia is a powerful force in no one's pocket, capable of provoking the late 20th century complex auto-poietic thinking that led to recognize the devastation caused by anthropogenic processes of the last few centuries

but is it so? Some points against:

- The myth associated with the Anthropos is a setup, and stories end badly. It is hard to tell a story with such a bad actor! We don't deserve an epoch.
- The Anthropocene relies too much on what should be an unthinkable theory of relations → bounded utilitarian individualism
- The sciences of Anthropocene are too much contained within restrictive systems theories

↳ which have been unable to think well about symbiosis, sympoiesis, symbiogenesis..