

Apparatuses of the Anthropocene

What is the ontology of automobility? Since individuals in positions of ontological authority define violence, we might draw the conclusion that violence is an essential component of a car. Automobiles, per the author's definition, are an autocratic order. The responsibility for overseeing automobiles falls on engineers, automakers, research institutes for traffic accidents, public relations firms, etc. Writers argue that violence is not an externality of automobility and connect it to the colonial system. In this context, it is also discussed what it means to live in an Anthropocene ontology, where automobility is the ontology of everything and everywhere.

The authors introduce the concept of “ontology work” which refers to ongoing efforts by both human and non-human agents to create and preserve the ontology of automobility.. There are similarities between this idea and “privacy engineering” and “ontopower,” emphasizing how some behaviors and systems shape our reality.

The authors' proposal that automobility is neither a new nor a social science ontology of mobility is interesting as, in recent years, we have begun to direct the Anthropocene in a different direction, which may appear to be a drastic shift in our knowledge, perspective, ideas, obligations....