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PLANETARY DISPOSITIONS: AFFECTIVE (UN)SETTLING IN CATASTROPHIC TIMES

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How do affective dispositions come to settle and unsettle planetary regimes of disposability? Through what affective sediments and atmospheres of feeling has the catastrophe of capitalist and colonial world-making geomorphed into planetary instability? And what might it take to unsettle and refuse the toxic dynamics of redemptive optimism and despondent pessimism that now suffuse the air?

This stream welcomes papers that explore and experiment with a host of planetary dispositions— those that have sedimented through the strata of modern terraforming, and those that might yet unsettle and confound the hopes, promises, dreams and fears through which social lives are made through climate wreckage and planetary change. A collective exploration of what it might take to eke out a life amidst catastrophe, we welcome papers and propositions that bite down hard as they examine the affective infrastructures of the many histories, cosmologies, and political architectures that subtend catastrophe, as well as ideas and provocations for unsettling our sedimented dispositions and affective responses to an earth forever unstable and unsafe. We invite papers that explore:

Planetary dispositions as sediments of modern terraformation, extractivism and colonial and capitalist catastrophes

- Affective regimes of disposability, planetary biopolitics, or metaphysics of race
- Affective sediments and atmospheres of feeling that emerge from colonial and capitalist terraformation and catastrophies
- Affective infrastructures and aesthetics subtending catastrophe

- Transformations and relations between the affects of catastrophic colonial and capitalist world-making and exacerbations planetary instability—including, but not limited to toxic atmospheres of pessimistic resignation and redemptive optimism

Planetary dispositions that might yet unsettle and confound the hopes, promises, dreams and fears through which social lives are made through climate wreckage and planetary change.

- Affective dispositions that unsettle planetary regimes of disposability
- Refusals of toxic dynamics of redemptive optimism and/or despondent pessimism
- Provocations for unsettling our sedimented dispositions and affective responses to an earth forever unstable and unsafe.

Planetary instability in the compositions of dispositions, affective infrastructures and aesthetic regimes.

- Geological instability as generative of atmospheres of feeling, dispositions, aesthetics and affective infrastructure
- Planetary affects, metaphysics, and cultures