

Lataur We have never been modern

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UNDERLYING PREASSUMPTION

CONTRAST



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sciences, Enlightenment
superfluous divisions

never managed
to attain
these
anyway

{ objectivity
truth
coldness
extraterritoriality

→ most interesting
daring, experimentation,
uncertainty
warmth
incongruous blend of hybrids
crazy ability to reconstitute the social from

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Scientists as representatives
of things

Q But do they betray things?
(similarly, do political representatives
pursue their own interests?)

Collapse
into
one

Contrast

constant
suspicion
& desire
to eliminate
mediators

= naturalism
= socialism

1989 collapse of
Berlin Wall
Goth failed

[?]

p143 "Scientists appear to be
betraying external reality

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for
quarks
only because they are constructing their
society & their nature at the same
time. The Sovereign appears to be
betraying his constituents only because
he is churning together both citizens and
the enormous mass of noncitizens that
allows the Leviathan to hold up."

[OK, but...]

[dubious equivalence]

[only because ??]

Personal

Response

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Cachava: Let us talk about mediation, about networks
exist from them again w/o construction
give that they what is already happening

p145 leaves it to others to
take the new Capital
into a new "Particular
most of things."

BACK TO BEGIANTIA

p3 hybrids * analysts → native politics, a discourse

p4 but things
sci. tech are
treated as
"collectives"
and subjects

things
themselves
humans
humans

meaning effects
language game

p4 "context and
the technical
context turn out
to be redefined
every time"

epistemology
facts

social science
power study of texts
discourse

p5 but not w/o "simultaneous
impact on the nature
of things + on the
social context"

critics: naturalization

(EO Wiba
society
vanish)

socialization
Baudrillard
subjects
vanish

deconstruction

Derrida
discourse
vanish

powerful
but impossible
to combine

Repeatedly used "three part scheme"

Way ~~back~~ forward:

p7 anthropologists deal w/ "scattered fabric of ...
nature-culture" [but they systemize
(culture) (nature-) culture]

p6 Latour
networks are simultaneous
real, like nature,
narrated, like discourse
and collective, like
society

Resistance: only analysis back home

p8 & 1989 "Socialism had magnified that exploitation unconsciously"
["victory communiqué" or Latour? If the latter, then L. is

de-networking, systemizing E. European command economies ->
(tokens) offset against + parlous state of the Earth.

reject both anti-socialism + anti deep ecology (Latour's terms)

p9 (postmodernists) remain suspended b/w belief and doubt" (i.e. impotent)

@ "task of domination and
emancipation" p10

Modern

= break

advance on the past

f. generator of new hybrids

& analytic purification, torn of down

vs.

Latour: slow down by \leftarrow representing it, not denying it or abandoning