

Care ecologies*

(or how we world our world otherwise)

Nigerian born philosopher and writer Bayo Akomolafe wonders "if human centredness has contributed to practices of dismissal and abuse, then isn't a healthy human, unbothered and enclosed, an ecological burden?" And possibly Donna Haraway would answer that we need new and different strategies "to nurture becoming-with each other for ongoing processes of living and dying otherwise."

This lecture departs from the acknowledgement that practices of care transverse different scales—from the planet, to the territory, to the city, the community and to the body. When we think about 'ecologies' it is often forgotten our own materiality as creatures made of "stuff." Iron in the blood, in a rock or in a structural beam, we share—but not always see—the patterns of our traces in the world. We are all participants in the rhythms of our planet and delving in the ways in which we reconfigure what is outside of us but not completely alien to us, might be a first step of rethinking human and more-than-human kinships and with that, contribute to the care ecologies of this small troubled planet—que pese a todo, es inmensamente bello.

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