



Dr. Bayo Akomolafe: 'Cancel Culture' is Another Name for How Stuck We Are: Humanism, Ethics and the Material Turn in Contemporary Politics



Dr. Bayo Akomolafe is a university lecturer, speaker, philosopher, and poet, originally from Nigeria and now living in Chennai, India. He has a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and curates an earth-wide project in response to the Covid-19 crisis. Explore embodiment within the philosophical realms of liberal humanism, ethics, the material turn, and the disorganized body, interwoven with the concept of Cancel Culture.

TOP EMBODIMENT TIP: A Yoruba healer said: *In order to find your way, you must get generously lost in the forest*.

Humanism as Human Centrality: Bodies as Multiple Entities

- We don't have one body, we are not singular units. The shape of the human isn't static, but rhizomatic.
- Our bodies are always yet to come, they are diasporic both far away and near at the same time

Cancel Culture and Ethics: Social Media and the Internet

- Cancel Culture is tied to the notion that we are lords of the realm, that we are above the world, that we are unique.
- Ethics is a transcendent thing we judge others by, making us move with the world in a static, *stuck* way.

Material Turn: Items Use Affects Us

- -Tools use us, just as we use them. *My body is acted upon by the thing I act upon.*
- -When we interact on social media we become conglomerations. We are co-modified, re-modified, and remembered into static atomistic entities pixels and not able to meet the world in its becoming.
- -Objects have subtle effects on us that we don't usually take into consideration.

Post-Activism: Assemblage

-We are not human agents trying to affect change, we are working within an assemblage.

Crossroads and Highways: Slowing Down in Times of Urgency

- -Slowing down is the invitation to become crossroads, and not have the highway, linear mentality.
- -We are crossroads to be open to other possibilities, directions, and opportunities.

Resources

* **References:** *Epistemic Situationism*, (book) Mark Alfano and Abrol Fairweather





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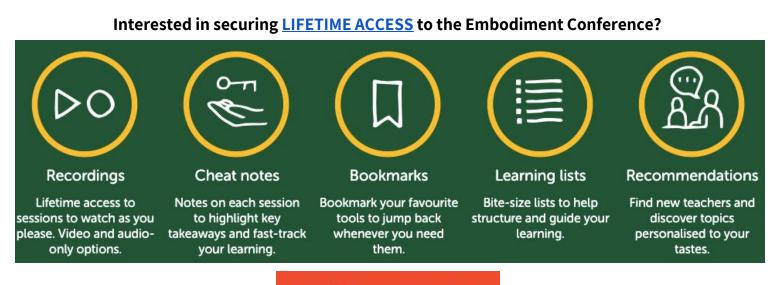
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