

Resource Guide
Post Human, Affect, Proliferation
Seminar III in the series
Mobility in Post Democracy

With many states on the brink of a democratic collapse, the Mobility in Post Democracy series connects to the simultaneous disdain and opportunity revealed in this moment by examining Post Democracy as a condition informed by mobility— across institutions, states, and ideologies. This programming comes out of a year of research and conversation with the Mobility in Post Democracy working group, comprised of artists, critics, and New School faculty and students. Containing recommendations by event participants and working group members, this resource guide offers articles, books, videos, and interviews to deepen engagement with our public programming.

Early sociologists such as Gabriel Tarde and Emile Durkheim were interested in the all-absorbing mentality of crowds that overpowered rational thought and action in individuals. This event expanded these investigations beyond the level of the individual to incorporate the proliferation of extra-human networks that create communities and forms of being together that both underpin and supersede entrenched conceptions of the commons. Hypnotist Melissa Tiers led an afternoon workshop on hypnotic strategies that are incorporated into media campaigns. An evening panel discussion featured artist Mariana Silva and New School professors Deva Woodly and Hugh Raffles exploring contemporary forms of proliferation facilitated by digital spheres, the affective responses they elicit, and how they might inform political engagement. Dominic Pettman, Professor at The New School, was unable to participate due to viral illness, but a text prepared for the panel is included below.

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Videos

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<https://curiosity.com/videos/durkheims-mechanical-and-organic-solidarity-what-holds-society-together-alt-shift-x/>