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Beyond the Anthropocene

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The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) just reaffirmed it again in a new report published in October 2018: the current economic model of development is unsustainable. In other words, what has been called since 2000 the Anthropocene — that is, the industrial era during which the human became a geological force that disrupts the planet's great equilibriums and poses a major threat to life itself through the degradation and loss of biodiversity — this era cannot go on: we have to see the end of it.

The Anthropocene consists of a general increase of entropy: thermodynamic entropy, as energy dissipates away; biological entropy, as biodiversity declines; and informational entropy, as information turns into noise, addictions explode, the faculty of attention slips away from us...

The economist Nicholas Georgescu-Rœgen showed in 1971 that the current economic model of development fails to take entropy into account, and that economics needs to be rethought from its very foundations for this very reason.
I will try to show that it is at once necessary and possible to develop a negentropic relation to technics in order to overcome the Anthropocene and enter what I propose to call the Neganthropocene.

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