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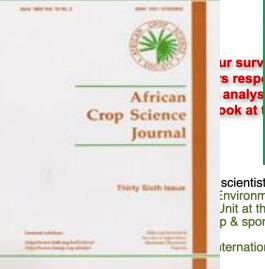
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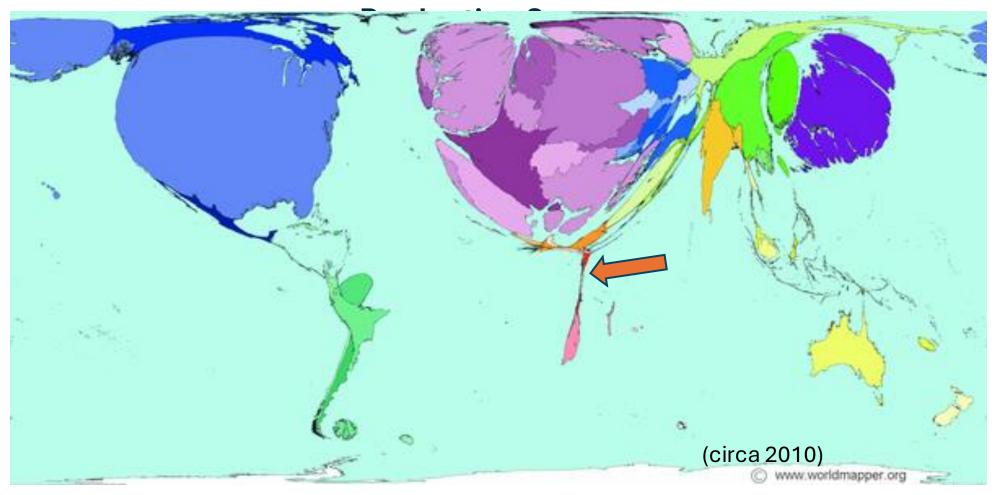
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## The World According to the "Web of Science" and Journal Citation Metrics Unequal contribution and participation in "Research" and Knowledge



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- 12 projects from Latin America, Middle East, Africa and Asia (2014-2017)
- Critical approach to Open Science question the idea of "open" as the goal
- Key output: <u>Open and Collaborative Science in</u> <u>Development Manifesto</u>





"THROUGH WATER": PROMOTING AND COMMUNICATING OPEN & COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH WITH A PUBLIC EXHIBITION



ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD: RETHINKING OPENNESS FROM THE AFFECTED POPULATION OF A CYANIDE SPILL IN JÁCHAL, ARGENTINA

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THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS): A CALL FOR ACTION RESEARCH AT THE NATURE CONSERVATION CENTER AT AUB (AUB-NCC)



LESSONS FROM COLOMBIA: TYING OPEN SCIENCE WITH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

### **Intersecting dimensions of Openness**

## Contextualizing Openness



Openness to Publications and Data

Openness to Society

Openness to Excluded Knowledges

### Open Science Beyond Open Access: For and with communities

A step towards the decolonization of knowledge





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## Situated Openness



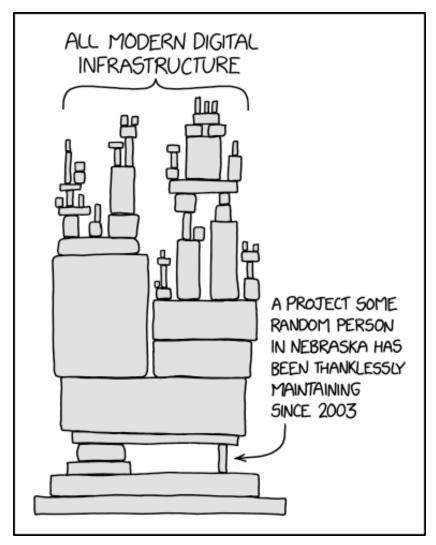




"openness" is not a binary condition, but is highly situational, contingent, and dependent on the positionality, privilege and contexts of the knowledge makers and the infrastructure of mediation

(See the works of feminist philosophers of knowledge Donna Haraway, Sandra Harding, Patricia Hill Collins, Sarah Ahmed and **more**)

#### A system build for forgetting

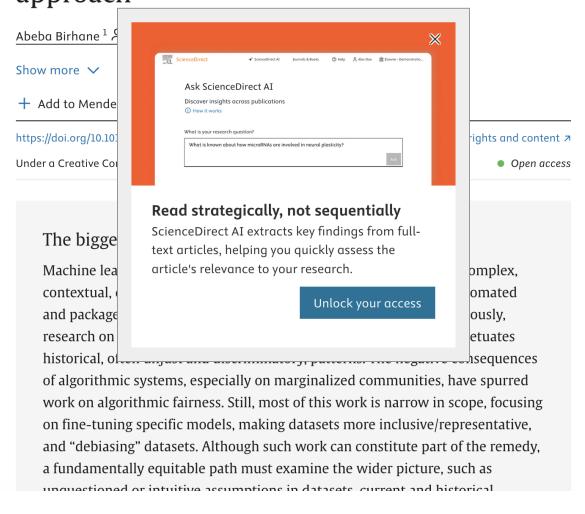


- Infrastructure is largely invisible
   But notable when they breakdown
- Infrastructure is political
   And it is constitutive of power
- Infrastructure is a complex assemblage
   Made up of multiple social, technical and institutional layers
- Infrastructure is enabling
   But it is often uneven and inequitable
- Infrastructure is relational But exclusion are built-in

Infrastructure Mediates

Perspective

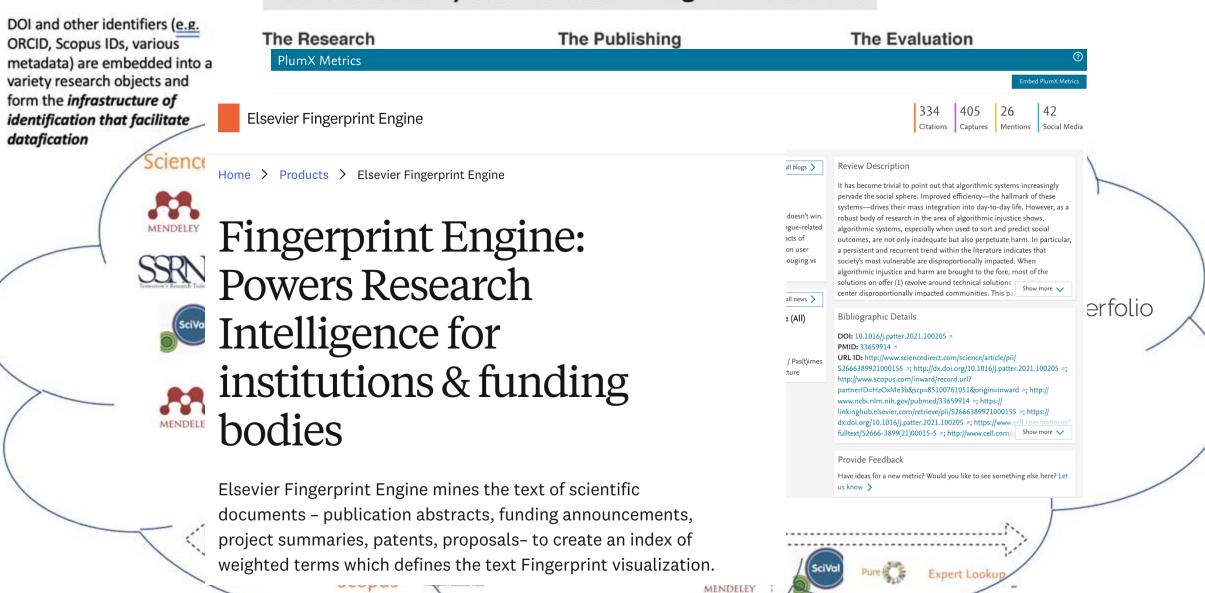
Algorithmic injustice: a relational ethics approach



#### **Logic of Extraction and Epistemic Injustice**

"Extractivism forms a complex of self-reinforcing practices, mentalities, and power differentials underwriting and rationalizing socio-ecologically destructive modes of organizing life-through subjugation, depletion, and non-reciprocity."

#### An Enclosed System of Knowledge Production



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# Open Science — Open Data

So called FAIR data principle aims to transform data for machine reading and automatic processing

The tendency to shift from doing research to "doing data"

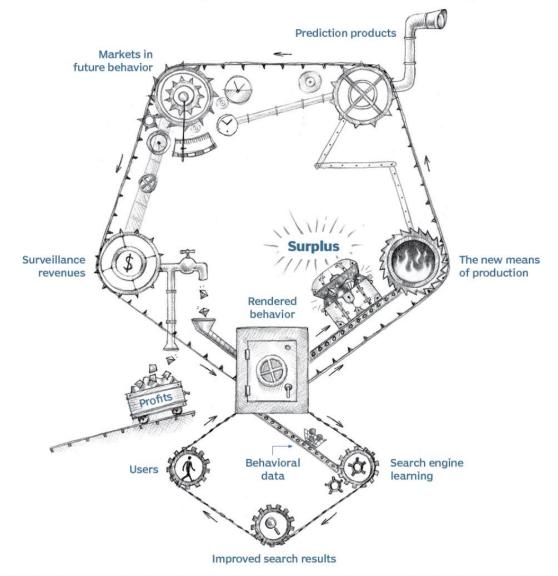
"Doing data" plays neatly into Surveillance Capitalism

## THE AGE OF SURVEILLANCE CAPITALISM

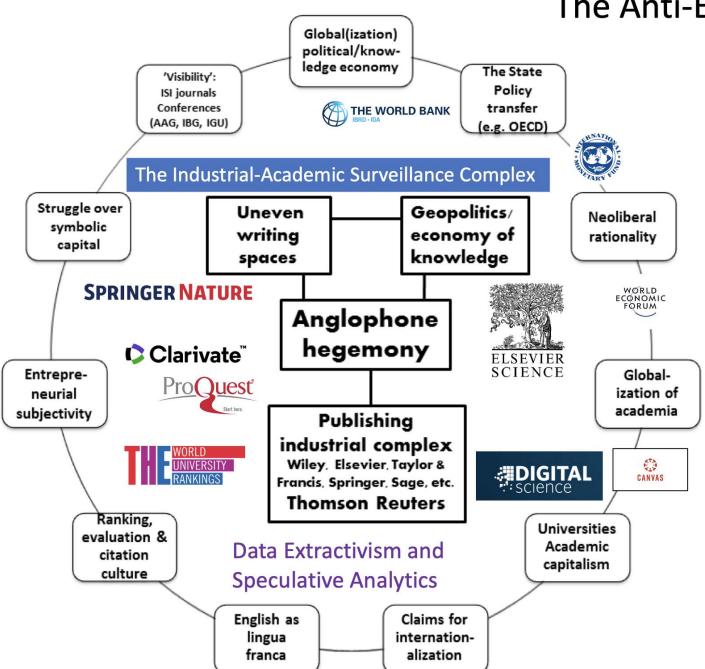
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#### The discovery of behavioral surplus



#### The Anti-Equity Global Machinery



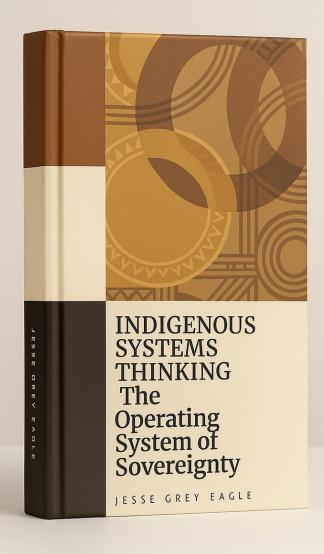
Late-Stage Racial Capitalism and Technocratic System of Enclosure Sites of capital accumulation and labour exploitation



Wheel of power: a conceptual framework for understanding the Anglophone hegemony

From Paasi, A. (2015). Academic Capitalism and the Geopolitics of Knowledge. In *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Political Geography* (pp. 507–523). John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

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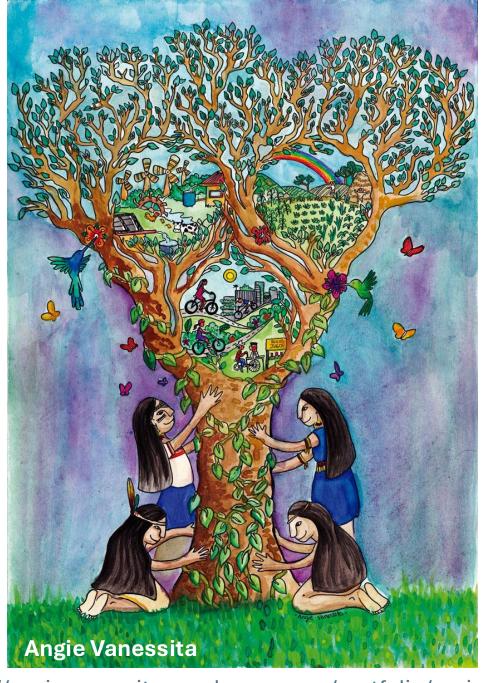


Western systems thinking can map flow and optimize throughput. It avoids the questions that confer legitimacy: Who does this system belong to? Who has the right to alter it? What is it accountable to beyond its own metrics? These frameworks excel at describing function while severing meaning. They perfect models while severing memory. They measure success without mapping belonging.

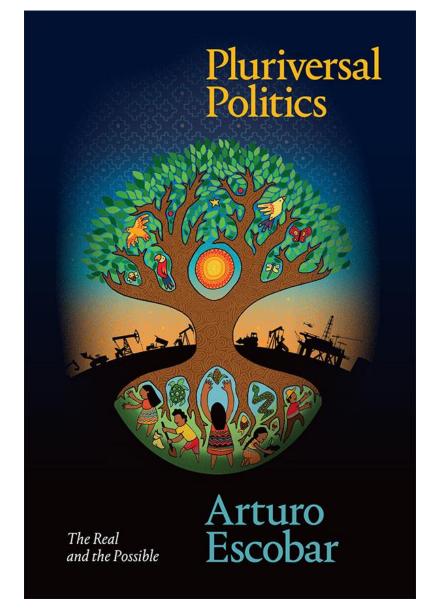
Reforms fail under these conditions. A system can hit every benchmark and still reproduce harm, because Western design begins in abstraction: people become roles, land becomes resource, knowledge becomes data. The goal is output, detached from coherence.

Indigenous Systems Thinking begins with relational accountability as architecture. Every system is accountable first to the relationships that give it life: to land as law, to ancestors as precedent, to descendants as mandate, to kin as governance. These are structural authorities.

Jesse Grey Eagle (2025)



#### Kinship as Infrastructure



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## Design shifts: toward a new OS (Operating System)?

- Relational Accountability over Compliance
- Scarcity Mindset to Abundance Thinking Lewis, J. E., Whaanga, H., & Yolgörmez, C. (2025). Abundant intelligences: Placing Al within Indigenous knowledge frameworks. AI & SOCIETY, 40(4), 2141–2157. https://doi.org/10.1007/s00146-024-02099-4
- Democratic and Shared Governance
- CARE and Ethical Stewardship
- Pluralistic Indexing and Community-Governed Metadata
- Commons-Based Infrastructure that facilitate mobility



