

## ***ATP 5: On Several Regimes of Signs***

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RS = regime of signs

AM = abstract machine

MA = machinic assemblage [=social machine]

CAE = collective assemblage of enunciation [=form of expression]

MAB = machinic assemblage of bodies [=form of content]

PC = plane of consistency

DT = deterritorialization

RT = reterritorialization

- I. Necessity of pragmatics (111a)
  - A. Assemblages as primary
    1. Regime of signs (RS) = a specific formalization of expression
    2. Always accompanied by a form of content
  - B. No privilege to semiology = signifier RS
  - C. Necessity of pragmatics
- II. Signifier regime (112a-117a)
  - A. Signifiante:
    1. redundancy of sign w/ sign
    2. Network of signs forms an "amorphous continuum"
      - a. sets up the signified as relay of signifiers
      - b. functions as wall on which specific forms of content are dissolved
        - i. that is, no longer any distinction between MABs
        - ii. thus the imperialism of the signifier: any "word" can apply to any "thing" (cf. ATP 3, p. 66)
    3. Tragic regime of infinite debt (113a)
  - B. Multiplicity of circles and chains of signs (113b)
    1. Everything is connected (Hopi example)
    2. Distinction between circles due to
      - a. different speeds of deterritorialization attesting to an origin (temple, palace ....)
      - b. differential relations (private/public ...)
    3. Fundamentality of deception
      - a. Hysteric operation of deceiver as subject
      - b. Paranoid operation of despot at center
  - C. Interpretation (114a): expansion of circles; production of more signifier
    1. Interpretive priest
    2. Ultimate signified = the signifier itself
      - a. Interpretation subordinated to signifiante
      - b. E.g. psychoanalytic silence
  - D. Center of signifiante (114c): faciality as its substance of expression
    1. Crystallizes all redundancies
    2. Body of the center of signifiante
    3. Icon: reterritorialization of the signifier, the deterritorialized sign
    4. Fuels interpretation
    5. Publicity of the face of the despot
  - E. Counter body of the tortured or excluded (115a):
    1. becoming-molecular
    2. Incarnates intolerable line of flight: absolute deterritorialization
    3. Must be blocked or rendered negative (scapegoat)
  - F. Recap of eight principles of signifier regimes (117a):
    1. Signifiante
    2. Circularity
    3. Metaphor/hysteria
    4. Interpretation
    5. Despotic signifier

6. Faciality
  7. Scapegoat
  8. Universal deception
- III. Introduction of other regimes (117b-121a)
- A. Presignifying (primitive tribes) (117b)
  - B. Countersignifying (nomad war-machine) (118a)
  - C. Postsignifying (details later) (119a)
- IV. Insistence on studying mixtures of RS (119a)
- V. Characteristics of postsignifying regimes (119b-127)
- A. 19th C psychiatry first to isolate this regime (119a-120a)
  - B. Characteristics of postsignifying regime (121a-127)
    1. Detached packet of signs (121a)
      - a. Jewish history: destruction of the Temple (122a)
      - b. Ark as mobile temple: packet of signs
      - c. Jewish specificity
        - (1) Relations to countersignifying nomads
        - (2) And to imperial signifying regime (nostalgia)
    2. Transformation of faciality (123a):
      - a. mutual turning away
      - b. existence under reprieve
      - c. betrayal, not deception
        - (1) Active delusion of the prophet (124a)
        - (2) Question of Oedipus (124b)
        - (3) Christianity as mixed semiotic (imperial signifying and Jewish postsignifying) (125a-126d)
          - (a) Heresies: Deterritorialization
          - (b) Richard III
          - (c) Betrayal and discovery (126a)
          - (d) Reformation (126b)
          - (e) Return to Old Testament (126c)
      3. The book: body of passion (126d) vs. face as body of signifier
    - C. Recap of characteristics of postsignifying regime (127a)
      1. Point of subjectification (vs. center of signifiante)
      2. Doubled subjects (vs signifier / signified)
        - a. of enunciation (from point of subjectification)
        - b. of the statement (related to first subject)
      3. Linear proceeding (vs circularity)

VI. Detailed examination of post-signifying regimes (128-133)

    - A. Examples (128)
      1. Jews vs. empires
      2. Modern/Christian philosophy (Descartes)
      3. 19th C psychiatry
    - B. Process: (129a)
      1. Point of subjectification
        - a. Can be anything
          - (1) anoxeric: food
          - (2) fetishist: clothing
          - (3) lover: faciality trait (the "gleam in the eye")
        - b. Must display characteristics of double turning away; betrayal; existence under reprieve (cf 123a)
      2. Subjects (doubling and recoil: collective or particular individuation)
        - a. of enunciation
          - (1) (function of mental reality determined by starting point of the passion)
          - (2) [=one who does the speaking and shapes the reality as perceived in the passion]
        - b. of the statement
          - (1) (bound to statements conforming to a dominant reality [of which a] is part)
          - (2) [=one who is subjected to the reality formed by subject of enunciation]
      3. Series of finite linear proceedings (from interaction of two subjects)
      4. Results in immanence of power; operates through normalization
    - C. Examples/Critiques (130a)
      1. Althusser

- 2. Benveniste
  - 3. Psychoanalytic cogito (130b)
  - D. Two axes of post-signifying regime (131a)
    - 1. Pure cases
      - a. Consciousness as passion (syntagmatic): doubling/recoiling of subjects: celibate
      - b. Love as passion (paradigmatic): doubling/recoiling of subjects: no use for cness/reason
    - 2. As found in mixed semiotics (132a)
      - a. Passional love couple falls into domestic squabble (conjugalility of couple)
      - b. Passional consciousness falls into persecution (bureaucratization of cogito)
      - c. Contained in each other: amorous bureaucracy and bureaucratic couple
  - E. Difference of signifying and postsignifying regimes (132a-134)
    - 1. Redundancy
      - a. Signifier redundancy is frequency of signifiante
      - b. Passional redundancy is resonance of subjectivity
    - 2. Movement of deterritorialization
      - a. Relative DT in signifying regime
      - b. Absolute DT in postsignifying
        - (1) RT specific to post-signifying regime (133a)
          - (a) finite linear proceedings: falling into black hole of cness or love-death
          - (b) imposition of segmentarity
        - (2) because forms of expression are strata (subjectification as much so as signifiante)
- VII. Stratification (134)
  - A. Strata binding the human: organism, signifiante/interpretation, subjectification/subjection
  - B. Slogans for dealing with stratification (134a): "make the BwO of consciousness and love"
  - C. Three types of DT
    - 1. Relative: strata: signifiante
    - 2. Negative absolute: subjectification (ratio and passio: black holes of consciousness or love)
    - 3. Positive absolute: PC or BwO
- VIII. Recap: RS as isolated from forms of content (135)
  - A. Pure types:
    - 1. Presignifying
    - 2. Signifying
    - 3. Countersignifying
    - 4. Postsignifying
  - B. Two further aspects of study of RS (136a-139)
    - 1. [Generative]: Existing mixtures: no privilege of signifying regime: no general semiology (136a)
    - 2. Transformations (136c-139)
      - a. Types (136c)
        - (1) Analogical: into pre-signifying regimes
        - (2) Symbolic: into signifying regimes
        - (3) Polemical or strategic: into counter-signifying
        - (4) Consciousness-related or mimetic: into post-signifying
        - (5) Diagrammatic: exploding regimes onto PC
      - b. Examples (137a)
      - c. Difficulties (138a) (semiotic transformation regulates linguistic/lexical/syntactic, not vice versa)
  - C. Recap of pragmatics as generative, transformational (139)
- IX. Semiotics and assemblages: (140a-145)
  - A. [Machinic] relation of expression and content (140a-b):
    - 1. RS is only one aspect of a social machine, viz, the CAE (140a)
    - 2. There is also content, that is, the MAB (140b)
  - B. [Diagrammatic] Abstract machine (141)
    - 1. Conjugates DT of CAE/MAB relation
    - 2. Matter and function rather than substance and form (141a)
      - a. Absolute DT
      - b. No longer expression/content distinction on PC (142a)
        - (1) Action of stratification is separation of content/expression
        - (2) Culminates in language system and illusion of general semiology
    - 3. Diagrammatics vs. axiomatics (143)
      - a. Axiomatics as "politics of science"; restoration of order; will to halt or stabilize the diagram

- b. Examples in physics (de Broglie) and math (Hilbert)
- 4. AM on both strata and PC (144)
  - a. Illusion of independent form of expression
  - b. Two complementary movements
    - (1) AM working strata to set things loose
    - (2) AM capturing things into strata
  - c. Two points of contrast
    - (1) AM lets strata organize by tapping into self-organizing processes (diagrammatic effect)
      - (a) harness matters and functions
      - (b) formalize them re: content and expression
    - (2) AM lets things escape strata (passage to absolute)
      - (a) Consistency is not totalizing or structuring
      - (b) but DT: thus strata always at risk via their lines of flight
  - d. AM has 2 vectors in MA [=social machine of CAE and MAB, not just MAB as form of content]
    - (1) stratifying: oriented to territories; form of expression (CAE) vs form of content (MAB)
    - (2) destratifying: oriented to PC; absolute DT; retains only traits of expression / content
- X. Recap: four components of pragmatics as study of RS (145)
  - A. Generative (mixtures)
  - B. Transformational (relative DT)
  - C. Diagrammatic (absolute DT onto PC)
  - D. Machinic (effectuation in CAE and MAB)
- XI. Pragmatics as a whole (146-8):
  - A. Four operations: tracing, map, diagram, program (146c)
  - B. Examples (147a-8)
  - C. Conclusion (148):
    - 1. language based on RS;
    - 2. RS on AM and MA beyond semiology, linguistics or logic