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Abstract

Having time is one of the most felicitous ingredients of the good life, sometimes more important than having money. 'Time autonomy' is crucial for enjoying genuine freedom and self-determination. Hence the importance of 'temporalizing' the venerable issues of social differentiation and social inequality. The separation of powers in society is also a separation of times, a distributed balance of temporal cultures. The metaphor of the 'social triangle' may help to chart the various tempi which separate the market economy, the democratic polity and culture and the arts, and highlight their mutual interaction. However, our present condition is that of a colonization of politics and of culture and science by the acceleration enforced by the fast neoliberal economy and the high-speed media. To counter it, we must first of all protect the relative slowness of thinking, research and writing. But restoring a just balance of times also requires that we must advocate functional deceleration (taking the time to think) in politics, the economy and the media themselves.