Pragmatist experiments in Sydney's Transport information systems

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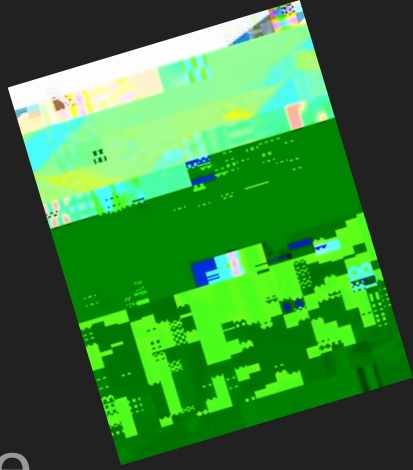

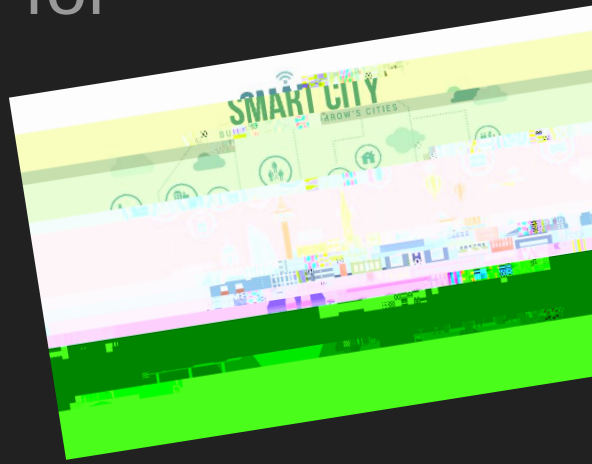

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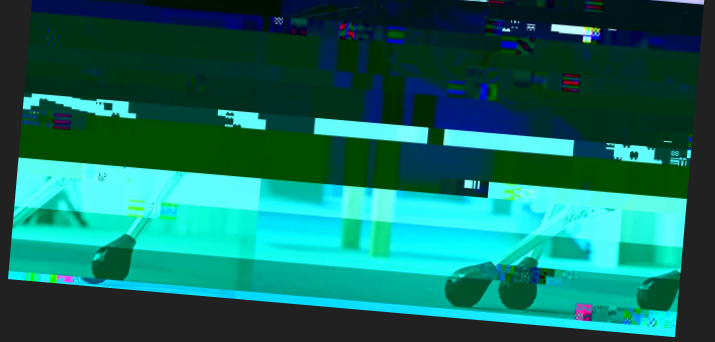

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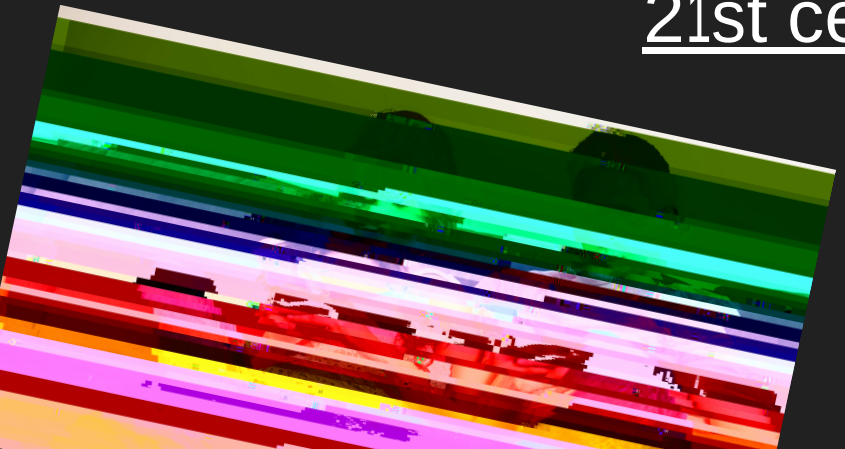

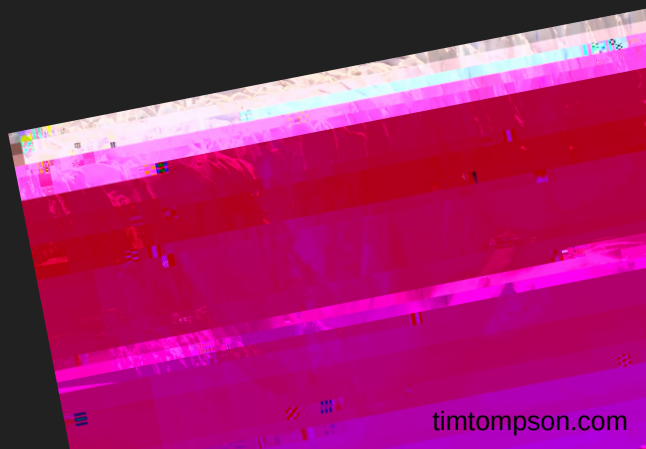

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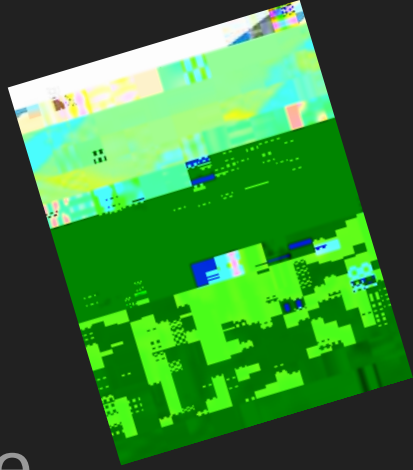
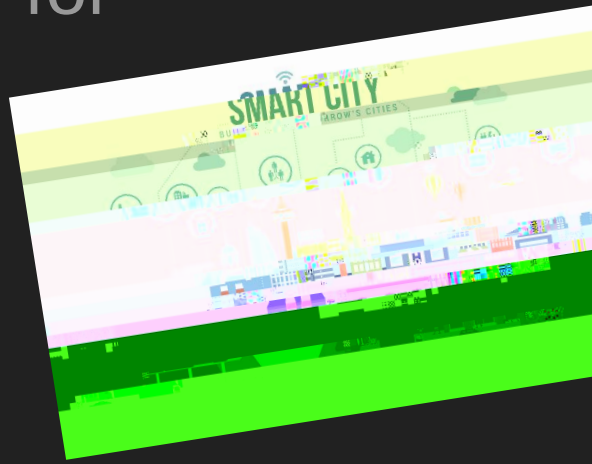
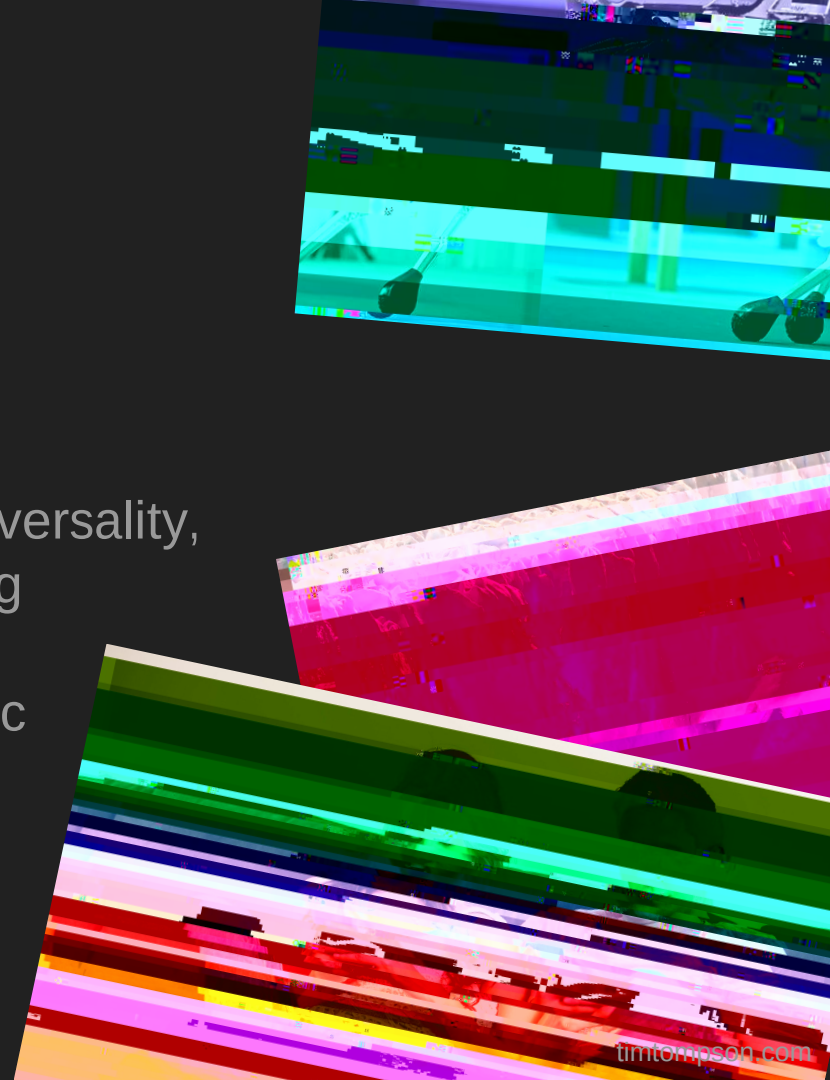




- Socio or technical
- Relies on canonical studies
- Ideological (utopian)
- Not pragmatic (derived from experience)
- Largely ignores local politics

- Climate change
- Growing Inequality
- Growing agency of nonhumans
- Western ideology of othering, universality, rejection of other ways of knowing
- Continuing anthropocentrism
- Disciplinary challenges in systemic problems



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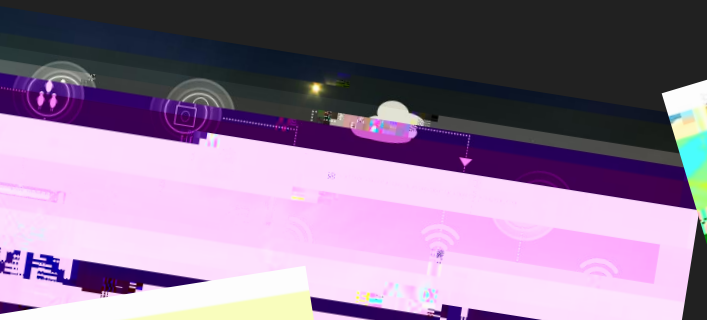
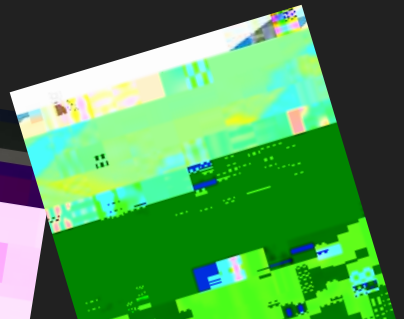
- Climate change (largely ignores it)
- Inequality (could make worse)
- Does not address growing agency of nonhumans
- Continues western ideology of othering, universality, rejection of other ways of knowing
- Anthropocentric/tech centric
- Tends to be disciplinary





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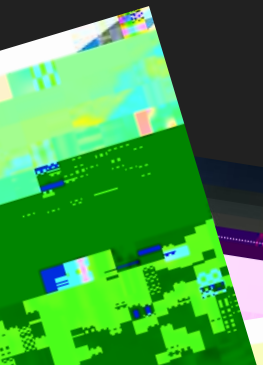
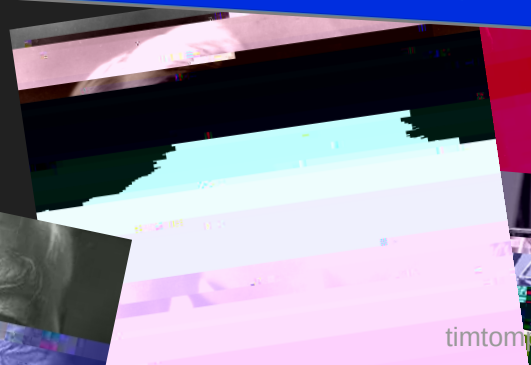
- A concern with the practical effects of holding certain ideas
- Return to experience
  - Evolutionary process of change
  - Experimentalism
  - Rejection of dualisms
  - Rejection of metaphysical distinctions
  - Ecological understanding of context





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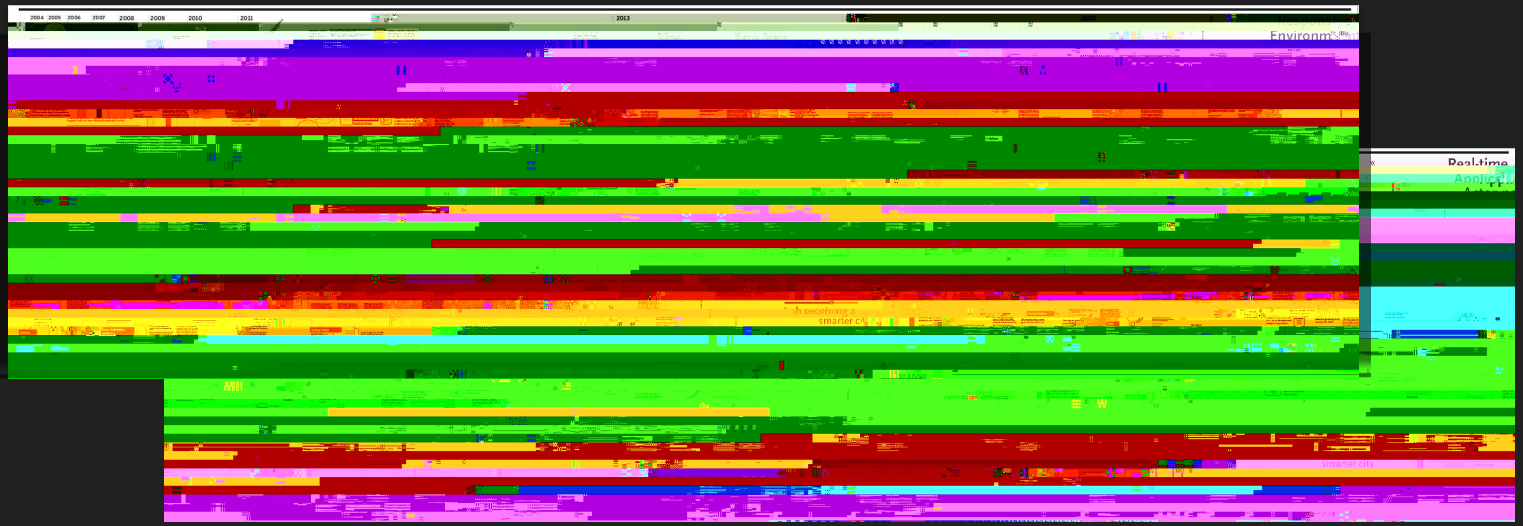

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Based in pragmatist ontological commitments

- In ‘process’
- Emergent
- Unknowable
- Contingent
- Political
- A pluriverse