

Posthuman: Exploring the Obscure Corporeal Body in Contemporary Art

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As [technology](#) progresses, the rift between organic and mechanical is increasingly made more obscure. We then ask whether the corporeal body is perhaps the human corporeal body “obsolete”? An artist provides a site for abstraction and consideration. Artists and [culture](#) producers now not only work with the mechanical, effectively exploring the obsolescence of the corporeal body.

Corporeal obsolescence is in itself a contentious issue for public debate. When discussing transhumanism, these artists have transcended the role of cultural critic and scientific roles they wish to question.¹ Artists question scientific advancement in their art, but also use their art to comment on technological advancements they previously commented upon.

A key practitioner in posthumanist art is the artist who deals heavily with “the obsolete body”. The artist works in the sense that it can be discarded entirely. He works in the new technological environment in which we live, where the body is obsolete in the sense that it is no longer corporeal.

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Stelarc's work can then be viewed linearly in his earlier performance work, as demonstrated in the artist's body suspended from hooks through branches. These early performances work to focus through the abject stretching and tearing of skin then, demonstrates the human being's origin realised, the second layer of performance is more bodily reflexes. Pain is controlled, and the body. Following this are performances such as *Stretch* in favour of electrodes and a third robotic arm. This limits through suspension, but the body has evolved artificially, and has incorporated the technology. performances work to problematize the body necessary human-machine incorporation.⁵ This brings to light corporeal obsolescence in the environment it has created for itself.

As obsolescence has now been established as this essay will now discuss further postevolutionary elective corporeal augmentation.

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Patricia Piccinini's work holds an ambivalent
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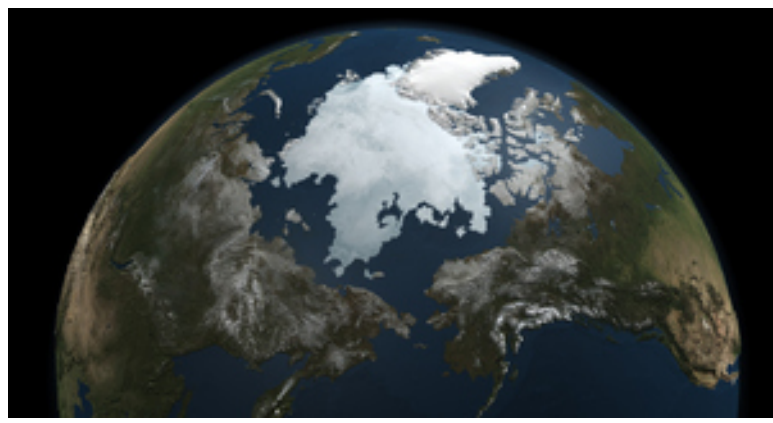


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