

Future Punk, Week 08  
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# Systematic dystopianism: Future punk in strategy and warfare

# Dystopia

- δυσ and κακός (J.S. Mill)
- ευ- instead of ου-
- Emerges in the industrial revolution (ETA Hoffmann, Mary Shelly)
- Motive of the Doppelgänger, two people or sets of people who experience similar events however in opposite worlds
- Fin-de-siecle: Changing political and economical world
- hétérotopie  
Foucault, Michel. "Of Other Spaces." Translated by Jay Miskowiec. *Diacritics* 16, no. 1 (1986): 22-27.  
<https://doi.org/10.2307/464648>.
- Examples?
- Today?

# The Singularity is near

The end of history is, alas, also the end of the dustbins of history. There are no longer any dustbins for disposing of old ideologies, old regimes, old values. Where are we going to throw Marxism, which actually invented the dustbins of history? (Yet there is some justice here since the very people who invented them have fallen in.) Conclusion: if there are no more dustbins of history, this is because History itself has become a dustbin. It has become its own dustbin, just as the planet itself is becoming its own dustbin.

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- The Singularity and the End of History
  - Eschatology ἔσχατος
  - Historicity
  - Teleology vs. "the turning wheel" (Hegel vs. Vico) - Postmodernism
  - Salvation
  - End of History (Cournot, Heidegger, Fukuyama)
  - Global vs. universal: Globalization and global capitalism
  - Technological Singularity
    - Vinge, Vernor. "The Coming Technological Singularity: How to Survive in the Post-Human Era," 1993. <https://ntrs.nasa.gov/search.jsp?R=19940022856>.

# “I blame science fiction dystopias”

- Cramer, Kathryn. “Enough With Dystopias: It’s Time For Sci-Fi Writers To Start Imagining Better Futures.” HuffPost, October 2, 2014. [https://www.huffpost.com/entry/speculative-fiction-book\\_b\\_5916266](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/speculative-fiction-book_b_5916266).