

“society runs the risk of moving at two speeds [...]. the slow group are those who have been socially left behind. in an interview with an unemployed youth, which was recorded in february 1984 in bremen [...] the “standstill” of time in the social situation of being “unemployed” is made plain. “tiger”, as the youth calls himself, wants to make time stand still because “there must not be no such a bad time in his life”. his strategies are directed towards making this time irrelevant [...]. in contrast to the bold promise of one commentator at the turn of the century, space and time have not been annihilated [...]. the progress of humanity conceived in evolutionary terms still compares itself with the arrow of time which points irreversibly forwards.”

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