## development/developing cyborgs



# The Cyborg ~Aktør...

- Et opgør med the stand-alone liberal subject
- Elsewhereness
  - En decentralisering og redistribuering af sind, krop, objekt, sujekt, tid, sted, osv..
- Kroppe og sind er indfoldet i hybride konstellationer
  - ...shapes notions of whom one is, what one is doing, what one can do, that is, questions relating to subjectivity and cognition... (Jensen: 383)



## **Multi-Naturalisme**

- Opgør med kulturelle/kognitive
  perspektiver/kontekster på én sand verden/natur
- ANT/Cyborg er konstruktivistisk i ontologisk forstand
  - Multi-kultur erstattes med multi-natur eller multi-kulturnatur
     Google fx Eduardo Viveiros de Castro
- "The cyborg is an ontological figure"

Annemarie Mol: Perspectivism





### high tech cyborgs beyond the historical break



Cyborg II: Political potential?

### We are no more or less cyborg than always



Family Planning with artifacts of medical science amongst Meratus

#### ~translation~

Pa'an was told: "elections would be held if, and only if, he could enroll forty woman" ~translation~

List of 40 woman

~translation~

Health, herbs and non-use

~translation~

Pa'an is now a political subjekt through icons of bureaucratic order

### Development programs increase transnational flow of money and goods

#### ~translation~

"Circumscribes the possibilities for thinking and enacting certain ways of accumulation [and] sanctioning wealth"

#### $\sim$ translation $\sim$

Robbers/Customs/Police/Taxi-drivers refuse that their work is distinct

~translation~ Succesful cyborgs: Informal "tax" collecters ~translation~

## **Development/Developing Cyborgs**

Development is going on, in other words, but what is actually developing, is often some rather **surprising creatures**, with bodies and minds set on goals rather different from what development agencies had hoped for.

...the "unintended consequences" of development are multi-dimensional; they may have to do with politics, economy, culture, social and gender issues, ethics and aesthetcs as well as with sociotechnical environments



### Berg / Haraway / ANT World as Trickster

Trickster-translations vs. neutral diffusion



[it is problematic to assume that]...specific technologized mind and bodies in agency headquarters is **causally linked** to the creation of such subjects in reality. As the geography is elsewhere so development is "coyote"

(Jensen: 383)

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## **Re-inventions**



...there was no "it" to select, implement, evaluate, or bring in accordance with, except in an extremely vague, unspecified sense [...] The innovation was to be **invented on the inside**, not imported from the outside... (Charters & Pellegrin, 1973, p. 13) bo.org

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## **Hvide Elefanter**



Værste konsekvens af, at teknologier ikke forbliver det samme..



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