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SINGULARITY OF ALL SKIN COLORS

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Abstract: How do our race-related stereotypes take shape in virtual and artificial beings, such as robots and other artificial agents? Analyzing the innovative technologies of automation and AI, the anthropologists Neda Atanasoski and Kalindi Vora group together AI problems and racial inequality in the new concept of "surrogate humanity". Using this concept they criticize the beliefs about freedom of the Western liberal subject and describe structural oppression in technoliberal capitalism. Their conclusions, tellingly, are to a certain degree supported from the perspective of a real (non-utopical) (post-)socialism: in the post-Soviet collective consciousness robots, indeed, have many more rights and opportunities than they do in the West.

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