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autonomy
("auto"="self"; nomos="law"; literally: "gives oneself one's own law")

aesthetic autonomy

- emancipation of (Western) arts
  - vs. church
  - vs. artistocratic patrons
  - vs. private patrons
    - non-collectable art
      - performance art
        - Valie Export, *Underdog File*, 1969
        - Adrian Piper, *Funk Lessons*, 1984
        - Geo Wyeth, *Juice CrossxxSing*, 2018
      - multiples
      - artists' publishing
      - net.art
      - community art
  - vs. craft guilds / creative industries
    - fine art
    - artistic research
  - vs. art institutions
    - underground culture
      - Jack Smith, *Flaming Creatures* (queer experimental film from 1963, needed to be little screened in basements - "underground" - because of its pornographic images)
    - institutional critique
      - Art Workers Coalition
        - Art Workers Coalition, 1969
      - Guerilla Girls
        - Guerilla Girls, 2012
- "autonome beeldende kunst" vs. "toegepast kunst" (Dutch)
  - "freie Kunst" vs. "angewandte Kunst" (German)
  - "fine art" vs. "design" (English)
  - "beaux-arts" vs. "arts décoratifs" (French)
- autonomous vs. politically engaged art
  - abstract art vs. socialist realism
- autonomy in aesthetic philosophy
  - Immanuel Kant, Critique of Judgement (1790): "disinterested pleasure" in beauty
    - beginning of the debate whether art should stand on its own ground ("l'art pour l'art") or can serve other interests (political, economic etc.)
  - Friedrich Schiller, Kallias Briefe (1793): beauty as autonomy and freedom "in appearance"
    - written in monarchist Germany after the French revolution: hope that sensibility for art will free people and lead towards a democratic society.
  - Theodor W. Adorno, Aesthetic Theory (1970), artwork "relatively autonomy and is a "fait social"
    - art is neither in a bubble outside society, nor just a consumer product.
  - Pierre Bourdieu, The Field of Cultural Production (1993): art is autonomous when it seeks its own market, heteronomous when it has been commissioned
    - Star Wars = autonomous art
    - publicly funded contemporary art = not autonomous art
  - Jacques Rancière, The Politics of Aesthetics (2006): through autonomy, modern and contemporary art breaks down hierarchies in its own system, which is a model for society
    - no more separation between aesthetic and political autonomism
- cultural politics
  - Johan Rudolph Thorbecke (1862): 'De kunst is geene regeringszaak, in zooverre de Regering geen oordeel, noch eenig gezag heeft op het gebied der kunst.'
  - fusion of Dutch art school departments of sculpture, painting etc. into departments "autonome beeldende kunst" (late 1990s)
  - autonomy vs. creative industries (since the 1990s [UK]/2010s [NL])
  - designers like Metahaven get shown as contemporary art, artists like Jeanne van Heeswijk get showcased as social design (today)

political autonomy

- autonomous governance
  - private governance (house rules)
    - schools
    - pubs, clubs
    - gated communities, shopping malls
    - terms of service for Internet platforms
  - autonomous political movement
    - squatter culture
    - free radio
    - zines
    - Wikileaks
    - Wikipedia
    - tactical media
      - TOR
      - Bitcoin
      - Trevor Paglen & Jacob Appelbaum, *Autonomy Cube* (2010)
    - hacker culture
      - *Chaos Communication Camp*
      - Community Futures Lab, Philadelphia
    - radical feminism
    - indigenous activist groups: Zapatistas...
    - Black & brown spaces
    - queer safe spaces
      - Tender Center Rotterdam
    - self-declared free states
      - Otto Muehl Commune
      - Free State of AVL-Ville (Atelier van Lieshout)
      - NSK State (Ireen/Laibach)
      - Christiania (Copenhagen)
      - Seattle Autonomous Zone (2020)
    - neofascist "liberated zones"
      - "Reichsbürger" in Germany
      - *Casa Pound* squat in Rome, Italy
  - public governance
    - local governments
    - regional governments
    - national governments
    - supra-national governance (EU, U.N.)
- nationalism
  - Brexit
  - Nexit
  - Flemish separatism
  - Catalan separatism
  - Québécois separatism
  - Kurdish independence (Rojava)
    - Jonas Staal, *New World Summit Rojava* (2015-2018)
  - Taiwanese independence from China
  - South Sudan
- autonomist : political philosophy
  - Autonomia operaia (Italy, 1970s)
    - Franco 'Bifo' Berardi
      - from industrial to immaterial labor, "we all are Silicon Valley"
      - Immaterial Labour Union zine, Rotterdam
    - Silvia Federici
      - Care labor as overlooked labor
  - temporary free spaces (by ravers, squatters, artists)
    - Hakim Bey, *temporary autonomous zone*
  - libertarianism & Neoreaction (extreme right)
    - radical free market economy (Ayn Rand)
    - seasteading (autonomous high-tech city nations on islands)

physical (biopolitical) autonomy

- medical treatment
  - euthanasia
  - psychiatry
- anti-discrimination
  - people of color activism
    - Rosa Parks (1960s)
  - queer rights
    - choosing one's gender
    - gender fluidity
  - feminism
    - abortion rights
    - equal pay
  - neurodiversity
  - trade unions
  - Barbara Kruger, Your Body Is a Battleground (1989)
- food / diet
  - FOOD (Gordon Matta Clark, Caroline Goodden, Anarchitecture group)
- shelter
  - housing
    - Stichting NAC / Wolfaertstraat Rotterdam
    - Fluxhouse Cooperative (1966-75)
  - prisons / detention
    - Trevor Paglen, Blacksites
- drug consumption
- weapons, fireworks

autonomous systems

- artificial intelligence
  - robots
    - Survival Research Labs
    - Institute of Applied Autonomy
  - self-driving cars
  - chat bots
  - generative art & design
    - Moniker, Conditional Design
    - Remko Scha, The Guitars
- open vs. closed systems
  - Buckminster Fuller, domes
  - General System Theory
- autopoiesis (self-creation)
  - bio design
  - bio art
  - systems/institutions have no meaning or function but their own self-preservation
    - sociology (Niklas Luhmann)