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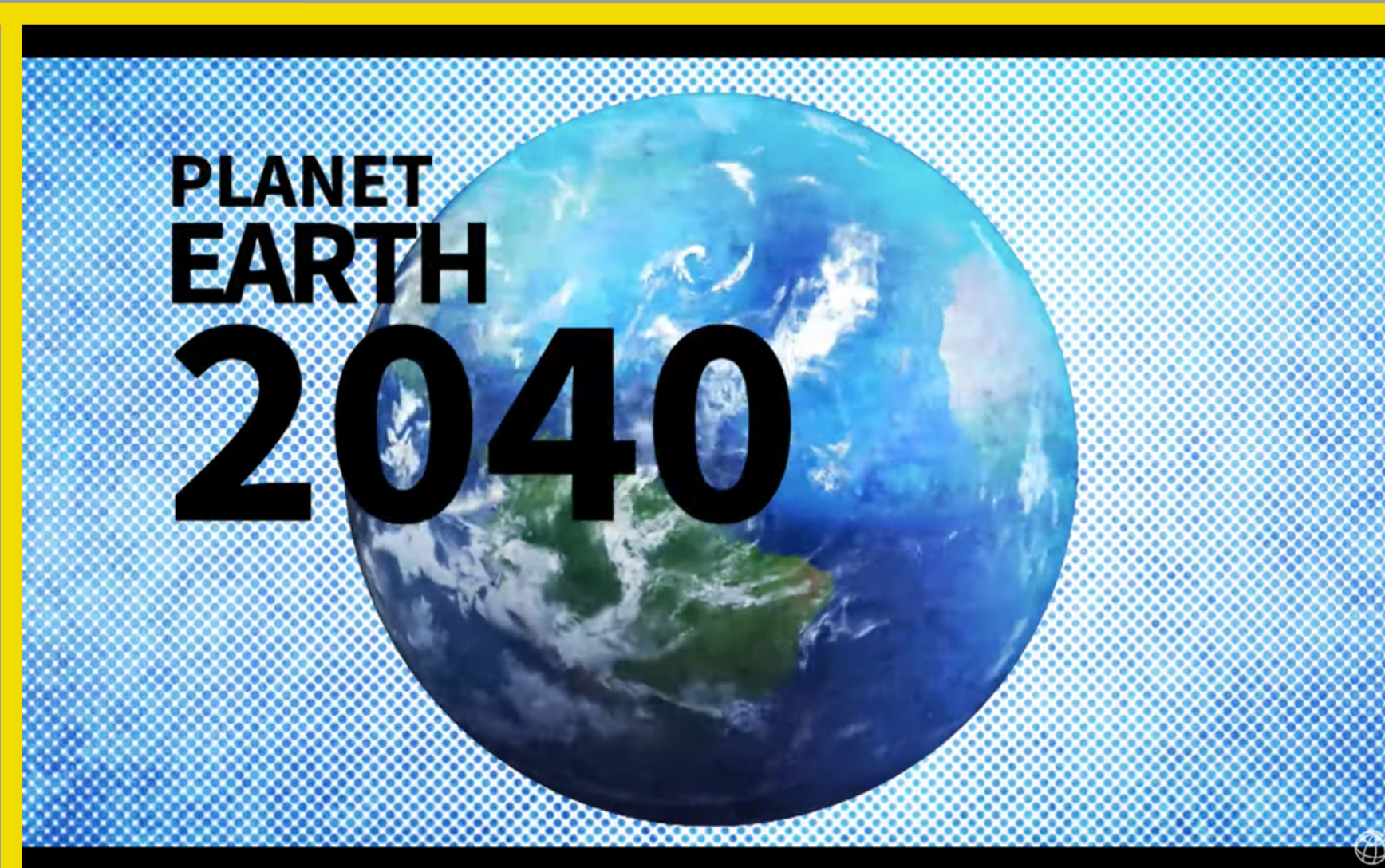
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# CHRONOBIOPOLITICS, POSTCOLONIAL GOVERNMENTALITY AND WHITENESS ON GLOBAL SCALE

Still images from the videos  
*Climate Change in Africa Will  
Hit the Poor the Hardest*,  
World Bank, 2013.

## SUBJECT

My project examines the way that temporal norms like causality, sequence, forward-moving agency, and operative logics like deterrence and preemption, generate governance through an erasure of the past and a projection of the future. The project analyses postcolonial governmentality through 1. the apparatus of "development" and its politics of synchronization looking at modernization theory and the Peace Corps Volunteer Program; 2. the new aid architecture and its politics of speculation / *anticipation-of-a-rather-dystopic-future* as expressed by the recent Adaptation and Resilience Action Plan by World Bank.



## RESEARCH INTEREST

I explore an epistemological shift in our understanding of *race* that passes through processes of spatialization and temporalization. Emanating largely from Victorian social evolutionism, these processes contributed to the birth of *chronobiopolitics*. My purpose is thus to examine those as invisible technologies of power within postcolonial governmentality, looking at the way they generate governance on the premises of *chrononormativity*, through either the promise or the deferral of *coevalness* that was first denied.

## APPROACH

- I understand "development" as a material-discursive apparatus that produces government-(alization) effects through a "development" rationality.
- I follow a transhistorical perspective whereby I focus on the examination of the historical moments that this rationality first emerged and then shifted *from the logic of modernization and endless progress to that of sustainability and adaptive survival*.
- I examine the way that futures methodologies animate the *logistics of global turbulence*, outlining how governmentality acts on/through *environments*, whereby threat is the future cause of an action in the present.