

FOUCAULT'S THEORY OF POWER

POWER IS...

1. Dynamic, it circulates (not static)
2. Relational, distributed (non-local)
3. Multi-modal; modes or forms interrelated
4. Historical
5. Related to knowledge

FORMS OF POWER

THEORY OF RIGHT (SOVEREIGN POWER)

Individuals and society

DISCIPLINARY POWER

Individuals and their bodies

BIOPOWER

Populations, species and the environment

NEW TECH OF POWER: BIOPOLITICS

DISCIPLINARY POWER

“First seizure”

man-as-body

individualizing

Anatomo-politics
of human body

NONDISCIPLINARY POWER*

“Second seizure”

man-as-species

massifying

Biopolitics
of human race

*embedded WITHIN / infects disciplinary tech of power

NEW OBJECTS, FIELDS

NEW OBJECTS OF KNOWLEDGE

Birth rates

Mortality rates

Longevity metrics

NEW FIELDS OF INTERVENTION

Public hygiene >>> (medicalization of population)

Old age, infirmities >>> (insurance, safety measures)

Human environments >>> (public health policies)