WAITING FOR THE ANTHROPOCENE



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A recent decision by the International Commission on Stratigraphy to ratify a modern Meghalayan Age, while the proposed Anthropocene Epoch remains in limbo, has led many geoscientists and their allies to assert foul play driven by political bias. Meanwhile, opponents of the Anthropocene have taken to the pages of leading science journals denouncing the Anthropocene as being unscientific and politically-motivated in its own right.

The controversy is both scientific and political, both empirical and conceptual—meaning this is a job for philosophy! I dig into the controversy, explore its ramifications for the earth sciences, the academy in general, and the public, and defend an agnostic attitude towards the chronostratigraphic status of the present.

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