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5. Discussion and conclusions

This paper has sought to reinterpret the agency of IS as relational and to explain the implication of a relational view of IS research. We explored the agency of IS as it has been articulated in the extant IS literature with the view of highlighting how knowledge can be enhanced from a relational view of the agency of IS. Primarily, the limitation of viewing IS as technology (technocentric view) with predefined functionality and predictable effects is highlighted. This paper also sought to shift attention away from an anthropocentric conceptualization of IS; where the technology is seen as a tool and agency is attributed to people. Both the technocentric and anthropocentric views limit what can be learned about the agency of IS. Drawing from the sociomateriality literature, IS should be conceptualized as a relational network by proposing a relational view of the agency of IS. This view suggests that the social and material entities that make up IS have no absolute essence when viewed in isolation, but that their collective force defines the agency of IS.